



# Greensboro Gleanings

June 2017

## From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends,

This congregation values providing a welcome for people who come from many different church and faith backgrounds and honoring where each of us is on our own spiritual journey. In other words, we don't all have to agree about what we do and don't believe. This openness is one of the characteristics of what has come to be known as Progressive Christianity. From conversations with individuals, and in committee meetings and book studies, I've come to the conclusion that many in the Greensboro UCC congregation could be called progressive Christians. But what does that mean? As a starting point for understanding and further conversation, I'd like to offer "The 8 Points" (version 2011) identified by the Center for Progressive Christianity, now renamed ProgressiveChristianity.org.

*By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean that we are Christians who . . .*

1. *Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life;*
2. *Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey;*
3. *Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to:*
  - *Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,*
  - *Believers and agnostics,*
  - *Women and men,*
  - *Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities;*
  - *Those of all classes and abilities;*
4. *Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe;*
5. *Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes;*
6. *Strive for peace and justice among all people;*
7. *Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth; and*
8. *Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love.*

Some of us may find these "8 Points" affirming while others may find them a stretch. I offer them as a counterpoint to the strident voices in today's public arena who present Christianity as exclusive, discriminatory, and triumphalistic. Our challenge is to "show we are Christians by our love."

Yours in Christ,

**Rona**

## THANK YOU

### June

#### Ushers and Greeters



- June 4 — Cara Hill &  
John Rohnert
- June 11 — Bill & Linda Niceley
- June 18 — Paul Fixx &  
Andy Dales
- June 25 — Jackie & Rick Lovett

### June

#### Coffee Hour Hosts



- June 4 — Cathy Pollard
- June 11 — Victoria Von Hessert
- June 18 — Anne McPherson
- June 25 — Jeff & Chris Pierpont

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# June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Sundays</b> 8:30am <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> Fellowship Hall 10:00am <b>Worship Service</b> Sanctuary	10-11am Mondays & Wednesdays <b>Growing Stronger</b> Fellowship Hall	8:30-10am Thursdays <b>Tai Chi</b> Fellowship Hall 4-5:30pm Tues. & Thurs. <b>Pilates</b> Fellowship Hall	4:30pm Wednesdays <b>Meditation</b> Pastor's Study	<b>1</b> 10.00am-1pm <b>E.Hdwk.Grange</b> <b>Topic "Invasive plants"</b> Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Rona on vacation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:30pm <b>Pleasants Fund</b> Church Library	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Jeff Pierpont</b> <b>Will be preaching</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Rona Back</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:30pm <b>Deacons</b> Parsonage	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30am-12:30pm <b>Wonder &amp; Wisdom</b> Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b> 6:30pm <b>Church Board</b> Parsonage	<b>29</b> 7:30am-12:30pm <b>Wonder &amp; Wisdom</b> Fellowship Hall	<b>30</b> 7:30am-12:30pm <b>Wonder &amp; Wisd</b> Fellowship Hall 2:00pm <b>Perham Mem.</b> Service	<b>July 1</b> <b>Funky 4th</b> <b>Chicken BBQ</b> 11 a.m.

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

This has been a month of extreme disappointment. Both candidates who were scheduled to interview with us notified us that they had accepted calls to other congregations.

We have reviewed our process and brought forward ideas that will help to avoid repeating our recent setbacks.

Keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek a settled pastor who will be blessed by The Greensborough United Church of Christ while being a blessing to our congregation and community.

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.

**Roger Waible**  
Chair, Search Committee



**MILESTONES**

**Happy JUNE Birthday to**

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

*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.*

**THE MUSIC CORNER**

At this time of year I marvel at the many shades of green that are evolving around us and how nature is abundant with new growth. We hope to add to this moment with our musical selections in June, as we continue our musical ministry of *Serving God Through Music*:

**June 4**— On this communion Sunday we bring you Roger Wilson's *Did Jesus Weep for Me?* From the opening solo question to the choral affirmation this classic setting of this well-known text is timeless. Be sure to listen for the lovely trio of women's voices in the center of this expressive, free-flowing anthem.

**June 11**— - Brooklyn, NY born composer William Neidlinger (1863-1924) is very well known for composing *Birthday of a King* and *Songs of the Camp Fire Girls of America*. During his time as organist at St Michaels' Church in New York City he composed the sacred work we offer you today: *Benedictus es, Domine*. We will sing it in English with the primary text "blessed art thou, O Lord." It has large Victorian block style harmonies, several key changes and a surprise fugue toward the end of the piece.

**June 18**— See "Gospel Service" below.

**June 25**— In all things we are encouraged to give thanks and praise to God. With our very life-song, we offer Joseph Martin's tender anthem *Let There Be Worship, Let There Be Praise* for today's worship. This anthem was commissioned by the College Park Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir, Orlando, FL, to honor Susan Deal, Minister of Music, on her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2006. Classic writing from the remarkable pen of Joseph Martin, who's music we enjoy singing often throughout the liturgical year.

**Hal Parker**  
Music Director

**Gospel Service!**

On June 18th, the Montpelier Community Gospel Choir's "Small Choir" will join us for worship.

The choir will sing several gospel songs, woven into worship, including an uptempo introit, based on Psalm 118, *God Is Good*, described as a "foot stomper," and *Jailer*, an original song written by John Harrison, the choir's director, inspired by the "Black Lives Matter" movement. John will also teach a bluesy version of *Amazing Grace* to the congregation. Choir members will join the Small Choir for an offertory gospel hymn, also written by John. Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful service, and bring a friend!

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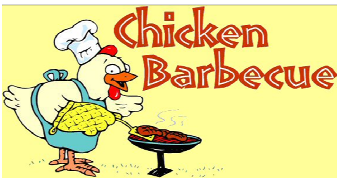
*Upcoming Lectionary Readings*

**June 4** ~Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 ~Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 ~John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**June 11** ~Genesis 1:1-2:4a ~Psalm 8 ~2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18** ~Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
OR Exodus 19:2-8a • Psalm 100 ~Romans 5:1-8  
~Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

**June 25** ~Genesis 21:8-21 • Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 OR  
Jeremiah 20:7-13 • Psalm 69:7-10,(11-15), 16-18 ~  
Romans 6:1b-11 ~Matthew 10:24-39



***TIME!***

Make your plans now for the annual Greensboro Church Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, July 1, from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The menu remains the same — our mouthwatering BBQ Chicken, our much sought after vinaigrette coleslaw, a roll, beverage and dessert. Proceeds from this event benefit the work of the church.

The BBQ starts immediately after the parade behind the church. Park where you can and line up for the traditional Independence Day meal.

We will be taking reservations by email at [greensborochurch@gmail.com](mailto:greensborochurch@gmail.com) . Your e-mail reservation is not complete until you have received a reply confirmation from us. You can also call the church at 802-533-2223 to make a phone reservation and there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We have a limited number of meals, so get your name in quickly if you want to participate.