



Greensboro Gleanings

October 2017

From Your Pastoral Search Committee ...

Life is filled with transitions and new beginnings, and our world is currently in the midst of many. Changing seasons, weather, migrating populations, devastated islands and other geographical regions force adaptation from one way of life to another. Though not nearly as drastic or tragic as if we were in the wake of hurricanes, earthquakes, refugee situations or war, we are about to experience a new beginning for our Greensboro U.C.C. congregation.

The changing of pastors always makes a significant change for a community, as it will for ours. We will sadly miss our wonderful interim pastor, Rona, but at the same time we are happy to welcome a special new leader, Ed Sunday-Winters, and his wife, Patti Sunday-Winters, to our midst. Just as we adjusted to Rona's style and guidance, our "new" habits will become old again as we adjust to his leadership. Ed and Patti plan to move to Greensboro sometime in November, though the exact timing is still uncertain.

Our new pastor is a man whose heart is dearly invested in people. He is collegial and collaborative, and we hope you experienced a bit of this over our candidate weekend on September 23 and 24. Ed and Patti have their own changing world, of course, and fortunately the members of our congregation are mature in the sense of caring for others. He will need us to journey with him while he travels with us, as we all endeavor to follow the way of Christ.

Please keep Ed and Patti and our congregation in your prayers, as well as the many, many people facing more difficult transitions in their lives.

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.

Your Search Committee

THANK YOU



October Ushers and Greeters

- Oct. 1 — John Rohnert & Shelly Jungwirth
- Oct. 8 — Andy Dales & Sue Coffey
- Oct. 15 — Sherral Lumsden & Lucy Keefe
- Oct. 22 — Marsha Gadoury & Patti Foster
- Oct. 29 — Chris & Jeff Pierpont



October Coffee Hour Hosts

- Oct. 1 — Gina Jenkins
- Oct. 8 — Judy Dales
- Oct 15 — BJ & Hal Gray
- Oct. 22 — Nancy Hill
- Oct. 29 — Sherral Lumsden

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Rev. Judy Waible Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Service	2 10-11am Mondays & Wednesdays Growing Stronger Fellowship Hall	3 Rona Back 12pm Global Campus 4:00pm Pilates	4 4:30pm Pleasants Parsonage Meditation Pastor's Study	5 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	6	7
8 Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Service	9	10 10:00am Greensboro Historical Society Meeting & Luncheon	11 1:30pm Deacons Parsonage	12 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	13	14
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THE MUSIC CORNER



At coffee hour this past summer, a member of the congregation said to me: “Hal, never forget that what you have here is a music ministry, and this is what it does for me.” She continued to tell me how the music at GUCC has such a positive impact on her spiritual life and that it reminded her of what was most important, especially during challenging times.

At Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, where I studied church music, the founder, John Findlay Williamson, coined the phrase “Minister of Music” and charged us to go out and be musical leaders in our communities. It is with that mission in mind that we continue to “*Serve God Through Music*” during the month of October.

Oct. 1 — For this World Communion Sunday we bring you *With this Communion, We Thank You* by well-known sacred composer Jay Althouse (1951-) who has over 700 sacred works in publication. This anthem accentuates the presence of Christ and reminds us that the bread and wine are a gift from Him. With a gentle, flowing melody and lovely arpeggios coming from the piano, this music creates a sense of peace and calm around this sacred time.

Oct. 8 — American composer Jean Pasquet (1896-1977) created this week’s offering *A Hymn of Praise* based on the liturgy of St. James. There are soaring vocal lines on the text of greatness and an exciting fugue for all four vocal parts. The text is quite powerful: “Almighty God, whose glory the heavens are telling”... in partnership with very dramatic music written in the romantic style.

Oct. 15 — Lorenz Corporation is a prolific provider of sacred music for over 80 years. Roger Wilson was a composer and editor at Lorenz his entire career following in his father Ira Wilson’s footsteps. *Who Is on the Lord’s Side?* was composed by Roger in the 1950’s.

Based on the tune *Armageddon* by Luise Reichardt and John Goss, this bold, march-like anthem includes very direct text: “Who is on the Lord’s side, who will serve God?”

Oct. 22 — Almost everyone is familiar with the tune *All Through the Night*. It originated in Wales in 1784 in Edward Jones *Musical and Poetical Relics of the Welsh Bards* and is now heard in music, film, television and video games. The Welsh title is *Ar Hyd y Nos* and is often sung as *go my children with blessing*. Our version

this Sunday. *Come, Follow Me!* is gentle, unhurried, and has lovely duets between the sopranos and altos and again with the tenors and basses.

Oct. 29 *God Has Work for Us to Do* is a modern piece (2012) by Mark Miller. Dr. Miller, a life-long Methodist, is professor of church music at Drew University and lecturer in the practice of sacred music at Yale. He believes passionately that music can change the world and that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create beloved community. With text by Carl P. Daw, this anthem that we offer today has the very relevant message of “till all jails are empty, all the bellies filled, till no one hurts or steals, God has work for us to do.” It is written with the performance guidelines “with energy and hope” with simple melodies and lilting accompaniment.

Our early music consort will offer a composition by Johann Christoph Petz (1664-1716), Suite 1 for 2 Treble Recorders and Basso continuo. Musicians are Gina and Sonia on recorders, Tom on gamba and Bronwyn on the harpsichord.

Hal Parker
Music Director



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 Redfern-Campbell, Joan Richardson, Shirley Strong,

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.

STEWARDSHIP: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can donate appreciated stock you’ve held for more than one year to the church? It can be used to fulfill your pledge. If the stock has lost value, it may be better to sell the stock and donate the cash proceeds. If you are over 70 1/2 you might be able to utilize all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from a retirement account as a donation.

Ask Mike Coffey about the procedure and time frame if you have any questions.

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

- Oct. 1** ~Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 OR ~Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 • Psalm 25:1-9 ~Philippians 2:1-13
~Matthew 21:23-32
- Oct. 8** ~Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 • Psalm 19 OR Isaiah 5:1-7 • Psalm 80:7-15 ~Philippians 3:4b-14 ~Matthew 21:33-46
- Oct. 15** ~Exodus 32:1-14 • ~Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 OR Isaiah 1-9 • Psalm 23 ~Philippians 4:1-9 ~Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct. 22** ~Exodus 33:12-23 • Psalm 99 OR Isaiah 45:1-7 • Psalm 96:1-9,(10-13) ~1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
~Matthew 22:15-22
- Oct. 29** ~Deuteronomy 34:1-12 • Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 OR Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 • Psalm 1 ~1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 ~Matthew 22:34-46

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

Thank you to all who donated to the summer mission opportunities. We have 20 full sets of materials for the CWS School Kits and 4 dictionaries for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program at this time. If you have anything else to donate please drop them off at the church this week.

The Greensboro UCC's Annual SERRV Sale will be happening at the church on Saturday, November 18th. Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. Thank you to Cilla Bonney-Smith who is helping me with signing up vendors and Shelly Jungwirth who is coordinating the food. If you know of people who might want to set up a table at the craft fair please let Cilla or I know.

For those who are unable to attend our sale in person and wish to order from the SERRV catalog – there is a link online that you can use to place orders and have it delivered directly to you. You can link to it by typing in www.serrv.org/.

Cathy Pollard
Chair



GUCC MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community, and the world.