



Greensboro Gleanings

March 2018

From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends!

Town Meeting Day has come and gone. Attending the meeting was quite an experience for me. I have attended city council meetings, school board meetings and other large group decision making meetings but never anything like Greensboro Town Meeting. The day was interesting and enjoyable.

There were a fair number of folks there from GUCC. Some of them I know and some of them I met for the first time. Jan Travers and Phil Gray were presented with the Greensboro Award. Their efforts to enrich the lives of others in our community make them deserving recipients of the award.

I also noticed similarities in the topics being discussed at Town Meeting and the issues we talk about and pray about at GUCC. School safety, sensible gun laws, affordable housing, improving education, food pantry and environmental stewardship were just a few of the items I heard mentioned at Town Meeting that I know matter to us as a congregation. As a church that desires to make a difference in people's lives, how fortunate we are to do ministry in a community with which we share so many common values.

There were other similarities between Town Meeting and church. The discussions were civil. Even when the opinions were expressed with passion and conviction, speakers were thoughtful and polite. Most importantly, in the middle of it all, we stopped everything and shared a meal.

Town Meeting, like so many things in Greensboro, was a reminder of how fortunate I am to be able to serve as your pastor. Together, let us love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community, and our world.

*Joy and Peace,
Ed*

GUCC MISSION STATEMENT

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

THANK YOU



**March
Ushers and Greeters**

- Mar. 4 — John Rohnert & Cathy Pollard
- Mar. 11 — Andy Dales & Judy Dunnan
- Mar. 18 — Dan & Dianne Predpall
- Mar. 25 — Krissie Ohlrogge & Marsha Gadoury



**March
Coffee Hour Hosts**

- Mar. 4 — Jan Travers
- Mar. 11 — Cilla Bonney-Smith
- Mar. 18 — Mike & Susan Coffey
- Mar. 25 — Penny Bretschneider & Beth Belote

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Service	Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am Growing Stronger Fellowship Hall	Tuesdays 12pm Global Campus Fellowship Hall 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall		1 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	2	3 7:00pm Cabin Fever Follies Fellowship Hall
4 2:00pm Historical Society Fellowship Hall 5:00pm Book Study	5	6 TOWN MEETING DAY	7 5:00pm Mission Board Church Library	8 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	9	10
11 4:00pm Kathy Charlestream Students Sanctuary	12 3:30pm WonderArts Youth choir reh. Fellowship Hall	13 4:00pm Deacons Church Library	14 10:00am Solidarity For Parkland	15 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	16	17
18 4:00pm Book Study Fellowship Hall	19 3:30pm WonderArts Youth choir rehearsal Fellowship Hall	20	21 7:00pm Trustees Church Library	22 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	23	24
25 PALM SUNDAY 4:00 Book Study Fellowship Hall	26	27	28	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00pm—FH Supper/Communion Tenebrae follows in Sanctuary	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31 HOLY SATURDAY

MISSION MOMENT

Spring is coming! We are celebrating the sunshine and warmer weather. As we celebrate this return to warmer weather, others in our world are in need. Last spring, we assembled and sent 15 Buckets for the Disaster Relief Ministries with the help of a matching grant. In the fall, we assembled and sent 20 School kits.

We are being asked again to gather items for and donate kits to Church World Service. There are three types of kits that are needed – Hygiene Kits, School Kits, and Buckets. Lists for each type of kit and the number and size of required items will be available in Fellowship Hall. You can also find these lists on-line at <https://cwskits.org>

Please consider donating items for one or more kits or completing kits on your own. Thank you for supporting this project.

**Cathy Pollard
Chair**



STILLSPEAKING DAILY DEVOTIONAL

is a feature of the UCC which you may be interested in checking out. A link to the Daily Devotional is:
http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional_sign_up

MILESTONES

Happy MARCH Birthday to: Cassandra Hemenway, Aurora Brush, Annegret Pollard, Jeff Belote, Keith Myers, Kaela Myers, Martha Niemi, Jack Niemi, Bobbie Nisbet, Rev. Charlie Simonson, Sharon Steimle, Nicholas Russotto, Cilla Bonney-Smith, Winnie Thomas, Madelyn Emers, Ellen Emers, Elizabeth Gilmartin, Diane Fixx, and Eleanor Guare.

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

Heartfelt thanks to the Deacons and everyone who helped with my 8-year celebration on Feb. 11th, what a nice surprise! A big thanks to Bronwyn who filled-in for me on Feb 18th and helped us to sustain our mission of *Serving God through Music*. As we head further into Lent and Easter, here are some our musical offerings.

Mar. 11th— From our music library dated 1934, comes the anthem *The Lord is my light* by R.S. Stoughton (1884-1953) born in Worcester, Mass. Stoughton is best known for his organ compositions and pieces for dance. This anthem contains poignant melodies with lush harmonization and highlights an alto soloist in the middle section. The text is from Psalm 27.

Mar. 18th— *Take Up Your Cross* juxtaposes two very well-known hymn tunes, *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* into a contemporary anthem that features a soloist with neo-romantic piano accompaniment. Ed inspired this anthem when in his Ash Wednesday sermon he said: “Lent is all about the Cross, it is that simple.”

March 25th— *Let Loud Hosannas Ring* is an exciting Palm Sunday anthem whose dramatic text, by celebrated lyricist Paul Williams, is inspired by *Psalm 24: 7-8, 10*. Patti Drennan’s music masterfully uses a captivating melody and rhythmic, dynamic accompaniment. Listen for the trumpet-like sounds coming from the organ. The Prelude for this service will highlight a Baroque sonata by Marcello for harpsichord and recorder presented by Sonia and Hal.

Mar. 28th— This sacred and somber Maundy Thursday service has no choir, but will feature a piano prelude from a well-known Russian composer and the very appropriate hymn *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*”

April 1st— One of my Grandfather’s favorite solos to sing (Bethany UCC, Montpelier, 1929-1983) was *The Holy City*. This piece has been lost to time, we are resurrecting it (pun intended!) with Cara Hill as soloist for our Easter Prelude. It is highly operatic, tells the story of Jerusalem, and will set the scene for this joyous service. Composer Victor Johnson (b.1978), published his first anthem while a sophomore in High School. He is from Dallas, TX and is currently an instructor at the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. We bring you his anthem *A Jubilant Psalm* a joyous, syncopated work highlighting the text: “Sing out with joy, sing alleluia! Lift your hearts to the Lord for he is risen!”

**Hal Parker
Music Director**

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

Mar. 4 ~Exodus 20:1-17 ~ Psalm 19 ~1 Corinthians
1:18-25 ~John 2:13-22

Mar. 11 ~Numbers 21:4-9 ~Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 ~
Ephesians 2:1-10 ~John 3:14-21

Mar. 18 ~Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~Psalm 51:1-12 or
Psalm 119:9-16 ~Hebrews 5:5-10 ~John 12:20-33

Mar. 25 (Palm/Passion Sunday) ~Mark11:1-11 or John
12:12-16 • Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Liturgy of the Palms)
~ Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-
11 ~ Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)
(Liturgy of the Passion)

Mar. 29 (Maundy Thursday) ~ Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11
-14 ~Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 ~1 Corinthians 11:23-26
~ John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Mar. 30 (Good Friday) ~Isaiah 52:13-53:12 ~Psalm 22 •
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5: 7-9
~John 18:1-19:42

Mar. 31 (Holy Saturday) ~Job 14:1-14 ~Lamentations
3:1-9 19-24 ~Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 ~1 Peter 4:1-8
~Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19-38-42



***VERMONT CONFERENCE
223RD ANNUAL MEETING***

Friday, April 27, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to
Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Sharing Sacred Stories

In addition to the important work of the Conference, there will be an abundance of workshops for learning, spiritual renewal and living out our faith in actions of justice. Worship will be woven throughout the meeting and incorporate what is learned as telling the stories. The conference setting overlooks beautiful Lake Morey in Fairlee, VT.

Susanne Schmidt, a licensed clinical mental-health counselor, trainer and speaker, will be the keynote speaker/facilitator.

Contact Vermont Conference, UCC, 802-728-4999, or robinsonc@vtucc.org for information.

OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!

We have a new Facebook page. You can find it here: [facebook.com/GUCCVT/](https://www.facebook.com/GUCCVT/). Please go there now and like our page. Then, share it with your friends and invite them all to like it. This is an easy way to support the life and ministry of our church.

Pastor Ed