A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Spirit is moving among us calling CUCC once again to the important ministry of Habitat for Humanity.

Remember for a moment our last wonderful experience with Habitat in helping Emmanuel Kembe, a refugee from the Sudan, to build a Habitat home for his family! We celebrated its successful completion with our partner church, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Congregation, with a concert performed by Emmanuel, a folk musician. He became a refugee from the Sudan because his music spoke out against the injustice and violence of the government.

Our next Habitat project will not be as labor intensive as our last because this time there will be six partner churches involved instead of two. There will be many more people to share the load. At this point, the churches are a nice blend of two Baptist (Pullen & Millbrook) two Disciples of Christ (Hillyer & Covenant) and two UCC (Community & N. Raleigh). The major portion of the funding will come from the Baptist churches. Our Church Council has appropriated $2,000 toward this project from an already existing Habitat fund in our budget.

Habitat is starting several houses near Poole Rd. on Sept. 11 and it is possible that we could work one of them. Please be thinking about and praying for our participation in this new Habitat adventure! Is the Spirit calling you to play a part?

Blessings and Peace,
Steve

Church Council

The Council at its July 12 meeting received with reluctance the resignation of Sue Richey as Assistant Treasurer. Sue Cottle reported on the children’s education program retreat and the fact that old toys were replaced with new. Joan McAllister reported for Welcoming, Fellowship and Growth a full calendar of fall and Christmas activities (the party is December 11), and Steve discussed the Habitat proposal, mentioned above. The next Council meeting will be August 23.

--Carol Kepler, For the Council

Deacons

The Deacons did not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 11.
Religious Education

Vacation Bible School

Our August 8 “Heifer Happening” will be the last 2004 Vacation Bible School program. Everyone is encouraged to bring money collected for the Heifer Project and to bring a dish to share at a potluck immediately after worship service. The July “Happening” was a big success. We sampled international food, stepped together through an Israeli dance, and created multicolor/multicultural paper dolls. Come join us for a rousing finale!

Adrienne Talbot

Want a cloth napkin?

You can help the church school buy cloth napkins for CUCC’s big fellowship events. From August 22 to September 5, there will be a napkin in the Narthex in which you can place your contribution. The church school will use the money to buy 100 forest green, large size, restaurant quality napkins. Each napkin costs $1.35. These will be used at big celebrations. The children are learning about taking care of God’s creation.

Thanks to Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth for helping us think through this project. Thanks to Ruth Klemmer for her research. We learned that using a few recycled paper napkins for Sunday fellowship is ecologically responsible. WFG will buy recycled content paper napkins for those small events. Thanks to Mr. Stearns at Glenaire for ordering the cloth napkins for us and for advising us on what kind to get.

What Class Do I Go to This Year?

0-2 years: “Nursery” Drop off your child any time before or during worship; if Miss Toni isn’t there, check the room next door.

3 years–preschool: “Preschool” We’re excited to be offering a class for these children that will have Bible stories, fun activities, and free play. Most weeks Miss Toni will teach.

Kindergarten–second grade: “Waterfall Way” Children will use their growing skills in reading and writing – they are so proud of what they can do! We’ll have lots of art, cooking, games, music, etc.

3rd–5th grade: “Performance Pond” These great readers will increase their knowledge of the Bible. They can expect art, science, games, cooking, journal time, music.

Confirmation class: The class will begin September 12 at 10:30 AM in the Bradow Room. For information, call Sue Rogge.

Mark your family calendar

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Parent Orientation Worship

Parents of children 5th grade and younger are asked to leave worship with their children on August 22nd! Parents will continue worshipping using the tools practiced by the children in church school. This is an opportunity to experience what your children do every week while enriching your worship experience for a day. Drop your children off in their classrooms and proceed to the Vaughan Fellowship Hall.

Recycle your bulletins

Did you know CUCC recycles leftover bulletins as well as office paper? To help you get in the habit of recycling your unneeded bulletins, the church school children will hold special recycling baskets in the narthex after worship for a few weeks. Then, in the future when you see the baskets, you'll know
you can drop your bulletin there. Of course, please hang on to your bulletin if it contains information or part of the service that you want to take home with you.

**Needed: Woodworker** -- Someone to cut and sand wood blocks to make into nativity set blocks (like building blocks). We need about 50 blocks. Call Jane Smith – 787-6539

**Adult Forum**
The Fall Semester will be here before we know it and late sleepers will need to readjust their schedules to take advantage of some wonderful programs that the Forum Committee is planning. The first session will be on Sunday September 5, 9:15 a.m.

The schedule is not complete yet but we can announce that in November Rev. Collins Kilburn will return with a series on Reinhold Niebuhr. Niebuhr was the foremost American theologian of the 20th Century and his influence on religious and secular leaders was, and continues to be, quite amazing.

This summer some of us have been listening to the taped sermons of Martin Luther King during the Forum hour. He was a wonderful preacher as well as a great leader of the "Movement." The schedule is irregular but watch the Bulletin for announcements of future programs of this nature.

--- Cy King

**Monday Lunch Group**
In August the group will read and discuss *Evenings at Five* and *To Dance with the White Dog*. The group meets in the Hoffmann Room Mondays at 12:15 PM. Call Geraldine Bryan (787-8494) for more information.

**Is Your Spirit Thirsty?**
Some of us with thirsty spirits will read *Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of a Buddha* by Tara Brach. After we've finished reading during the summer, we'll get together to talk and pray, probably beginning this fall. We plan to meet in the evening at 5:30 (not Tuesday); those who want can bring their supper. If you are interested, talk with Sue Cottle, Joan McAllister, Jane Smith, or Pat Spearman.

--- Jane Smith smithjeg@mindspring.com

**Wednesday Bible Study**
This group meets at Pilgrim House at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Bring a bag supper. Call Adrienne Talbot for more information. Everyone is welcome to join these lively and interesting discussions.

--- Social Justice Ministry

**A Visit With Migrant Workers**
CUCC will join North Raleigh United Church of Christ on August 15th and September 19th to travel to a migrant farm workers camp. We will leave from the church around 3:00 PM and return around 9:00 PM. Our responsibility will be to provide food and fellowship to some 20 or so farm workers and their families.

This “Project Solidarity” is the work of the National Farm Worker Ministry that is designed to give church folk a better understanding of the lot of these hard-working people who put food on our tables. Denise Long is coordinating North Raleigh’s delegation and will be making food assignments to all of us who will be going. Many of us do not speak Spanish, but there will be enough there who do to make this a wonderful opportunity to have a “facilitated and translated” visit with migrant workers. Please check your calendar and let John Little (781-0829) know whether you can go on one or both Sundays.

As we strive for social justice by supporting boycotts and working for legislation to improve the working and living conditions of farm workers, it is important for us to get to know some of these workers as flesh-and-blood human beings. “Project Solidarity” provides that opportunity. The Social Justice Ministry urges you to take advantage of it.

--- Social Justice Ministry

**Something to Reflect Upon…**
Below are some quotes that we believe speak to “Nurturing Spiritual Growth, Working for Social Justice”:

- “My understanding of Christianity is that it underlies all progressive moves to
implement more justice, get a higher degree of peace in the world. The impulse to love God and neighbor, that impulse is at the heart of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. No question about it – we have much more in common that we have in conflict.”
-- Rev. William Sloane Coffin, member of United Church of Christ

• “Everyone knows Sherman’s remark that ‘War is hell’. Fewer know about Woodrow Wilson’s despair on the eve of our entry into World War I: ‘Once lead this people into war and they’ll forget there ever was such a thing as tolerance. To fight you must be brutal and ruthless, and the spirit of ruthless brutality will enter into the very fiber of our national life, infecting Congress, the Courts, the policeman on the beat, the man on the street.” -- Daniel H. Pollitt, “Civil Liberties in a Time of Crisis: The Dark Side”

• “Privatized faith – personal piety – often lends itself to a solitude which avoids political involvement. Prizing personal peace, it fails to recognize a divinely inspired spirit of discontent about injustice. In religious terms: Privatized spirituality in search of peace through solitude, fails to recognize the ‘peace which passes all human understanding’ – that marvelous peace God forged in conflict and celebrated in solidarity with brothers and sisters struggling together for justice. – Rev. Jim Lewis, “Notes from Under the Fig Tree”

-- Social Justice Ministry

7:00 – Auction and good times

Stewardship

Church Auction!

Put on your social calendar NOW to participate in the most engaging gala fund raising event of the season! On Saturday, SEPTEMBER 25th, we will hold the CUCC Auction of gifts, talents, and services in the Vaughan Fellowship Hall.

6:30 – Wine, Cheese and Fellowship

Do you have an object in your home that may be of value to others, but with which you are willing to part?

Do you have a hobby, interest, talent, or vacation home you’d want to share with other church members?

Do you have skills at cookery or stitchery heretofore unnoticed and perhaps unrecognized by your church brothers and sisters?

Open your mind to what you could envision that might make the answer to at least one of the above questions “yes”, and donate those responses to the church for the auction. In the past we have had such eclectic donations as artwork, ceramics, beach houses, Japanese dinners, handmade quilts and sweaters made to order, Octogenarian debauchery, champagne picnics, Italian dinners, guitars, massage, pies, jam making, chemistry tutoring, lawn mowing, tiller use, truck use, quilt square making workshop, nature walks, concert tickets, pianist for a party, neighborhood tours, canoe trips, and more!! Please consider what YOU can bring. The more the merrier! Start saving your dollars now to purchase from the treasures in September to benefit the church, and commit NOW to what donations you will make to the auction. Fill out a donation form (that will soon be at the back of the sanctuary) and/or notify the church secretary (cucc@ipass.net) or Bill or Marty Lamb (billandmarty@nc.rr.com, or 834-4280) what you will donate to be auctioned off.

-- Bill and Marty Lamb

Welcoming, Fellowship, and Growth

Church Picnic!

Save the date of Sunday, October 10. We have reserved Beech Shelter at Crabtree Lake for the fall church picnic. We can enjoy the area all day. We would love your ideas about what would be fun— Volleyball? Canoeing? Softball? Frisbees? Hiking?
Bird watching? Forward your suggestions to Joan McAllister (851-9674)

CUCC P2e II
July 4, 2004

While CUCC’s second annual watermelon seed spitting contest overshadowed the news of Mike Ksyshezorweivehotskys exodus angst, those in the know experienced an expanded event this year including watermelon, hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and fundraising. Everett Noland succeeded in finding watermelons with high flying seeds, and young and old participated in the shattering of last year’s distance records. The crowd enjoyed the air-conditioned comfort of the Vaughan Fellowship Hall and cheered on the participants with whoops, chants and oooo-ahhhhhs. The formal winners and distances this year were:

Men’s Division:
  Bill Bryan- 31 feet!
Women’s Division:
  Joan McAllister- 24 feet!
Youth Division: the winner and still champion
  Abby Smith- 22’ 6”!!

While no awards were given to other participants, honorable mentions must include:
Zenna Bryan- the cutest patootie under 3 for sure!
Sonny Spicer - Best self-cheerleader
Ron Howell- worst curve
Sue Rogge - most creative style
Carolyn King - bravest senior division representative
Mark Denlinger - most long-distance participant
Becky White - courageous guest award

Many thanks to Mary Pruneau, to the Welcome, Fellowship and Growth Committee and to their significant others for helping to organize, conduct, and clean up after the festivities. More thanks to the generosity of the congregation, helping to raise over $300 for the church budget!

CUCC P2e III will be held on July 3, 2005. Pucker up!!

-- Joan McAllister

Retirees Group is not meeting during the summer. Make plans now to join us on the second Monday in September.

Saturday Men’s Group will continue to meet during the summer.

The Women’s Group –
Do you hear the call of the surf or feel an adventurous urge to try getting to know some of the women in the church a little better? Then mark your calendars now for the women's support group beach retreat on Topsail Island to be held Friday through Sunday, September 10th – 12th. Please confirm soon with Linda Baker bakerl@mindspring.com or 782-7336) that you'll be coming. If you have questions, are interested in helping with music or meals (Friday night or Saturday brunch) or in planning Friday night or Saturday activities or the "church" service Sunday morning, contact Marty Lamb at billandmarty@nc.rr.com or 819-4084. There is a tradition as well on Saturday night that each of us brings an idea, a story, a song, a poem, a skit, or other creative expression to share with the group as part of our "non-talent" show after supper. Visualize world peace (or whirled peas, should that be your more reality based preference these days) as we practice breathing in the salt breezes and exploring the shore. Come be a part.
"Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music --the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself."
- -Henry Miller

-- Marty Lamb

Our People

Mark Denlinger was "home" to attend CUCC on July 4, and really jumped right back into the action! He sang with the choir and made a good showing in the watermelon seed spitting contest. He says he's
enjoying his house in the country near Austin. We say "come back soon, now, y' heah?"

Alice Webb is leaving to join husband Paul Webb in Worcester, MA. He has been up there a while; they have bought a house and are looking forward to being together again.

Muriel Greene recently passed away. She was part of an active women's circle at United Church that included such CUCC pillars as Scottie Bell and Kerma Hazel. With the other members of the group she prepared the famous Institute of Religion dinners to which blacks and white sat down, and set a precedent.

Nancy Newell and Betty Anne Ford are settling into their post-retirement home in Vance County near the Cedar Cross retreat center.

Helen Brown celebrated her 102nd birthday with the Kings, Littletons, and Helen’s nephew and his wife from Virginia. She was very appreciative of the flowers and cards from the congregation. The following note came to the Caring Committee from her: “Thank you for the lovely bouquet you brought me; I sall enjoy it for a long time. Everyone that comes to my room comments on the unusual colors of the flowers.”

The Raleigh and Charlotte congregations of the Church of the Twelve Apostles celebrated the marriage on July 24 of Natacha Manduakila and Matondo Mrumbi. Matondo, the groom, is a part of the Charlotte community and Natacha, the bride, has very recently arrived from the DRC.

Congratulations

Miles Ramee was born May 2. We send all our best wishes to his parents, Heather and Neal.

8/19/98 – Amelia Flick
8/25/95 – Anna Hase
8/30/90 – Jack Alcorn
8/30/90 – Sam Alcorn

Our Young People’s Birthdays*

8/2/87 – Jessica Alcorn
8/14/92 – Glodie Difuidi
8/16/94 – Jackson Kiel
8/30/99 – Eva Keeler
9/28/90 – Thomas Harris

*If you are missing from this list, we apologize. Please notify the office so we can update our records.

Community Outreach

R.O.A.R Retreat
The Raleigh Organizing for Action and Results (R.O.A.R.) will hold a city-wide leaders and action teams retreat. It will be Saturday, August 14, from 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the Freedom Temple Church, 615 Royal Street in Raleigh. The agenda will include:

• Review of Fall 2004 Calendar, including Founding Assembly
• Discussion & Recommendation for Action on Bus Audit, School Audit and other Actions
• Fall 2004 Neighborhood/Congregational Organizing Trainings

Can anyone substitute for Jane Smith at this meeting? If so, please call Jane.

The Leaders and Action Teams Retreat is open to all Neighborhood/Congregational/Organizational Leaders, Clergy and lay ministers who want to: build networks within your institution and across institutions, and increase our collective power (Ability to Act), and create change in Raleigh.

For more information, please contact Chris Bishop at 530-8515.

Prayers

The Monday Lunch Group offers prayers each week for those persons and needs of which they are aware. Please write requests on a slip of paper and place it on the offering plate or in one of the prayer
jars at the back of the sanctuary or in Pilgrim House. Our prayers are especially solicited this month for Jo Lemons and Nancy Keppel.

**Found**

Lost an umbrella? A wide assortment of umbrellas has been found. Check the rack in the hall. Unclaimed umbrellas will be placed in a yard sale.

**Roster**

Add:
Kara and Jeff Eckard, 808 N. Bloodworth St., Raleigh, NC 27604, 834-6298

**The Wider Church**

**UCC Activities at our National Conventions**

On Wednesday, July 28, at the Democratic Convention in Boston, the UCC Massachusetts Conference planned to organize a national anti-poverty Let Justice Roll event from 4:30-6:00 pm at historic Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street. Co-sponsored by the National Council of Churches, the Center for Community Change, and many others, this public witness was to involve worship, preaching, and a commissioning of several hundred convention delegates to return to the floor and advocate for a party platform that does not leave poor people behind.

On Tuesday, August 31, at the Republican Convention in New York City, the UCC is joining with New York City's historic Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, and a broad network of religious witnesses to bring a similar message to the Republican delegates and convention attendees in New York City. The time is to be announced. Rev. Dr. James Forbes, senior pastor of Riverside Church in New York, is the featured speaker at both conventions in the Let Justice Roll events, and has been tirelessly traveling the country mobilizing faith groups and community based organizations against poverty this election year. For more information about Let Justice Roll contact Marvin Silver at the UCC Washington, DC office (202) 543-1517 or visit the UCC Our Faith Our Vote website [http://www.ucctakeaction.org/ctt.asp?u=4368&l=46745](http://www.ucctakeaction.org/ctt.asp?u=4368&l=46745) and follow the link on the front page to Let Justice Roll.

Many of our UCC/DOC Justice and Peace Action Network activists are involved in dozens of the activities being sponsored at both Conventions. One event worth noting at the Republican National Convention that has significant UCC involvement is sponsored by the Campaign for a National Health Program Now, on August 31 - September 1. Rev. Barbara Baylor of UCC Justice and Witness Ministries joins speakers from the religious community (Rev. James Forbes and many others), the arts (Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon) and the media (Bill Moyers) to rally for healthcare for everyone. To register or for more information, log onto [http://www.ucctakeaction.org/ctt.asp?u=4368&l=46746](http://www.ucctakeaction.org/ctt.asp?u=4368&l=46746).


-- United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries

**The Wider Community**

**RICH PARK** needs CUCC members on its Board. Our church has 5 positions on the Board of Director of Raleigh Inter-Church Housing Corporation (RICHPark Apartments). Each of the other four churches has five positions. CUCC has only two votes (positions that are presently filled by Peg Hulslander and Everette). We need three more positions filled. Please consider joining us and helping us keep this useful mission of our church on the straight and narrow way.

-Everette Noland

**A Bipartisan Suggestion**

Jane Smith's family friend recently suggested taking a look at a home energy conservation brochure distributed through the U.S. government. While many of the tips are familiar from the 70's,
Jane found the page on computer/TV use habit-provoking. She also liked the checklist. A few of the suggestions work for our church home, too. Go to http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/housing/power-smarts/index.html for "PowerSmart: Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet."

Food Bags will be collected on Sunday, August 1st, and every first Sunday of the month.

We outdid ourselves in July! 26 emergency food bags are now on the shelves at Urban Ministry Center, available for the needs of families in crisis.

Just a gentle reminder: It would really help if you would package the food in double plastic bags inside each other which are then tied together. It calls for brute strength and ingenuity, but it can be done. Then it is easy to count our contributions as they are delivered in this uniform way, and Urban Ministries is better able to classify and store them. If you contribute miscellaneous food products that vary from the basic bag list, please leave such bags open so that their visible difference can be seen and handled appropriately. Thanks very much for your attention to this reminder!

Book Reviews

The NC Occupational Safety and Health Project’s Summer 2004 newsletter includes a review of A Job To Die For: Why So Many Americans are Killed, Injured, or Made Ill at Work and What To Do About It, by Lisa Cullen, Common Courage Press: “It’s been nearly 100 years since the publication of Upton Sinclair’s groundbreaking novel, The Jungle, exposing appallingly dangerous working conditions in our nation’s cities. Now comes a devastating indictment of government agencies and industry lobbyists that hide occupational injury and death in the American workplace. In the wake of the Enron scandal, fingers wag at companies who harm their employees financially. Yet silence falls on a truly large American epidemic: the death, injury, and illness thousands of Americans suffer every year at the hands of their employers. Consider:

- Every day, 165 Americans die from occupational disease, while 18 more die from work-related injuries.
- On that same day, more than 36,400 non-fatal injuries and 3,200 illnesses occur in America’s workplaces.
- The cost of this carnage and disease tops $155.5 billion annually.

Lisa Cullen’s book resonates with the voices of workers and experiences as she navigates us through the sometimes complicated, sometimes unbelievably inhumane systems that control America’s workplaces. This book is incredibly well-researched and referenced, and it has helped me [editor, NCOSH Safety and Health News] gain a clearer picture of what injured workers and their allies are fighting for.”

The newsletter also recommends Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision, by Barbara Ransby, University of North Carolina Press. The [lengthy] review advises, “Read this book. Buy copies of it for young activists. Let Barbara challenge and delight you with this exploration of social justice and social change. And while you’re at it, listen to Sweet Honey in the Rock singing Ella Baker’s words: We who believe in freedom cannot rest
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes
Not needing to clutch for power, not needing the light just to shine on me
I need to be one in the number as we stand against tyranny
Struggling myself don’t mean a whole lot, I’ve come to realize
That teaching others to stand up and fight for themselves is the only way our struggle survives.” More information is available on the NCOSH website, http://ncosh.igc.org
The deadline for our September Newsletter is August 16th.
The Newsletter can be found on our web page: www.communityuucc.org

A Month of Sundays

**August 1** – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service and Church School; Fellowship time
Lectionary: Hos 11:1-11; Ps 107:1-9, 43 OR Eccl 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Ps 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11
Food Bags Due

**August 8** – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 – 9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service and Church School; Fellowship time
Lectionary: Isa 1:1, 10-20; Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 OR Gen 15:1-6; Ps 33:12-22; Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Lk 12:32-40

**August 15** – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:00-9:30 Taizé with Communion; Welcome Back Sunday! 10:30 Worship Service and Church School; Fellowship time
Lectionary: Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 OR Jer 23:23-29; Ps 82; Heb 11:29-12:2; Lk 12:49-56

**August 22** – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00-9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service with Liturgical Dance and Parents in Church School; Fellowship time
Lectionary: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6 OR Isa 58:9b-14; Ps 103:1-8; Heb 12:18-29; Lk 13:10-17

**August 29** – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00-9:30 Taizé; 10:30 Worship Service and Church School; Fellowship Time
Lectionary: Jer 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16 OR Sirach 10:12-18 or Prov 25:6-7; Ps 112; Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Lk 14:1, 7-14