



# The Trinity Portal August 2011

## Volunteers Step Up for Sept. 17 ICS Extravaganza

On July 17, eleven members met at Bob Saylor's house in Concord to plan for the Trinity UCC Ice Cream Social (ICS) & Community Dinner September 17, 2011, a Saturday, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Trinity parking lot. Those taking charge to ensure this event is a success for Trinity's outreach are:

- Carl Tosi                    **Stage Entertainment** -704-723-6787
- Bonnie Schell            **Ice Cream Makings & Food Donations** 704-786-8101  
Please call Bonnie when you buy needed ingredients on p. 2.
- Cole Lindburg            **Advertising / Tickets** possibly from Dave Gordon—  
906-236-2579
- Ethel Fowlkes            **Set Up & Clean Up Schedule** — 704-792-2698
- Cindy Rummage         **Paper Products**—704-209-1616
- Vera Sampson &         **Cake Walk (10 cakes) and Out Door Activities**  
Carol Williams-Swoope - 704-213-2215 (cell); Vera—877-275-7275; 704-231-  
0156
- Bob Saylor                **Cooking of BBQ and Chicken**—704-239-7342
- Nancy Rummage         **Potato Salad** making at church — 704-209-1616
- Anne Tosi                 **Tea & lemonade**—704-723-6787; Ken got lemonade  
Need artificial sweetener in container and 13 lemons
- Ken Swoope               **Pop Corn Cart**—704-279-4710

Carol Williams will contact 1st Congregational UCC for their participation and offer of table to advertise their church.

**Contact Bob (704-239-7342) or Cindy (704-213-2216 cell) if you can assist, or have leads or more ideas. Everyone above needs you to help them!!!**

## Sacred Arts Group Meets August 15 at 7:15 p.m.

The Sacred Arts group prepared crafts materials for the Vacation Bible School. They made stoles, cut material for baskets, made patterns for puppets to represent the plagues, and prepared gold boxes for the Arc of the Covenant.



## September 4th– Busy, Big Sunday

First Sunday School, then Worship, then helping set up for Our Father's House. Then eat First Sunday Lunch prepared by Nancy, Cindy and Kathy Rummage, Tyler Williams, Carol & Ken Swoope. **Then the Home-made Pineapple-Orange and Vanilla ice cream making begins!**

We need 20 people with ice cream freezer makers and dish towels for water spills.

We need the following ingredients:

- 9 dozen large eggs
- 15 small boxes of orange Jello
- 15 small boxes of Instant vanilla pudding
- 10 15-oz cans of crushed pineapple
- 30 pounds of sugar
- 15 cans of evaporated milk
- 5 large containers of liquid French Vanilla coffee creamer
- 8 gallons of 2% milk
- 4 boxes of ice cream salt.
- Lots of plastic gallon containers with lids that seal to put in freezer with fresh home made ice cream.

Please try to bring dry ingredients in boxes and stack in corner near refrigerator in kitchen. Put milk and eggs and coffee creamer in church refrigerator. Leave message for Bonnie 704-786-8101 when you have taken some ice cream ingredients to church.

## Items for Potato Salad & Beans

45 pounds of white potatoes

3 dozen eggs

8 large sweet onions

4 quarts of Mayonnaise

4 large containers of sour cream

3 large jars of dill pickles

5 pounds of bacon

2 pounds of brown sugar

1 jar of molasses

## Miscellaneous Items

5 gallons of iced tea to church by 2 p.m. on 17th

2 containers of chicken Bouillon

4 extra large bags of potato chips

5 large bottles of Sweet Baby Rays Vidalia Onion BB Sauce

## Continued Needs and Plans for ICS on Sept. 17:

**Baked Beans Chair** to use Bob's bulk recipe

**Purchase of buns/rolls**

**Sound System**

**Trailer or flat bed truck for stage**

**Trash** - Nancy will bring several big trash cans and we have 2 or 3 in the Fellowship Hall. We need to see if our Youth will attend the event and police the yard for any litter and also empty the cans when/if needed.

Issues to follow up on with Nathan and/or Hope: Extra trash pick-up by the city; Use of the Church parking lot across the street; Permit issues; Electrical issues for making ice cream as well as for the sound system and outside needs during the event.

It was suggested we invite 1st Congregational to lunch after worship on the 4th and then to help with the ice cream making. Carol or Bob will contact Hugerietta Franklin.

**Fire Department Truck**- Can we get a truck over at the Annex for kids (and adults) to see and tour?

**Make sign up sheets** to pass along to the congregation to volunteer for set up, serving and clean up times in one hour shifts.

**Request containers from congregation** 2 qt or bigger for beans and potato salad and pulled chicken. Write your name on bottom and inside lid. We need gallon containers with lids for ice cream.

**Order fliers from the UCC** for informational table.

**Create fliers for Trinity UCC** weekly activities/mission projects/times.

*Many thanks to all for the acclamation you gave me on July 31st after VBS.*

*You are very kind.*

*Pastor Marion*

5 large bottles of Sticky Fingers Smoke House Carolina Sweet BB Sauce  
20 dozen sandwich buns or money to buy  
5 large bags of plain M&M's, 19 oz. bags.  
10 Homemade cakes in boxes for cake walks and prizes and auctions

# Trinity's Free Community Dinner Is August 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

By Cindy Rummage

Our first Community Dinner was in March with 80 attending. Even though the number coming to eat has decreased in the hot weather, if we feed 30 people who are hungry and wouldn't have supper, our efforts are worth it.

The menu for August is:

A Salad Bar  
Tea and Lemonade and Coffee

Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. and help is really needed any time after 3:30 and after 7 pm.



Front: "I love purple."

Back: "I'm planning."



Tara Bengle leads the older students in basket making by wrapping heavy rope with fabric.

# Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup Needed by CCM in August

By Barry Porter, Foods Service Coordinator, Cooperative Christian Ministry, Concord, NC. 704-786-4709 Ext. 822.

Our food pantry special needs for August are:

Pork and Beans  
Chicken Noodle & Vegetable Soup  
Paper Towels  
Saltine Crackers  
Canned Meat including Vienna  
Peanut Butter (16.3 to 18 oz. sizes)  
Plastic Grocery Bags



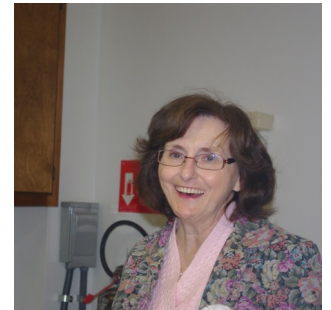
At Trinity, bring your donations to the basket on the left side of the altar down front.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to /for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* —**Matthew 25:40.**

## Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

By JoAnna Cupp

This month we are focusing on your Blood Pressure, Do you know what your BP is? Is it too high or just right. Are you taking blood pressure medicine. Is it keeping you blood pressure regulated right, or you taking more than one medication for your BP. Check with your doctor at the next visit and make sure your BP is at a normal range. This is so important. Elevated BP can lead to strokes, heart attacks and severe headaches. Also a Reminder in this heat we are having, stay in and stay cool, and remember to drink plenty of water.



## District Women Gather at Trinity August 28

All the women of the church are invited to come discuss issues, make new friends and hear several speakers. Women from churches all over Rowan County will also be attending. The workshop will be held at Trinity UCC in the fellowship hall Sunday, August 28, at 3 p.m.

# General Synod 28: Imagine What's Possible

by Carol Williams-Swoope

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## **So, what is Synod?**

The UCC's General Synod 28 was held July 1 – 5 in Tampa, FL. General Synod is the UCC's church-wide deliberative body which meets every two years and consists of delegates elected from Conferences as well as delegates from the boards of directors of the four covenanted ministries – Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM); Local Church Ministries (LCM); Wider Church Ministries (WCM); and the Office of General Ministries (OGM); and the Executive Council. While General Synod provides the most visible voice of the "stance of the denomination" on any particular issue, the covenantal polity of the denomination means that General Synod speaks *to* local churches, associations, and conferences, but not *for* them.

## **Synod Experience**

The Synod Experience allows delegates and visitors to meet UCCers from all over the United States; to worship; experience cultures; recognize and celebrate individuals and congregations; welcome new congregations; and to consider resolutions that direct the mission and ministry of the church.

This year's theme, *Imagine What's Possible*, continued to challenge delegates and visitors to think about their thinking and imagine the possibilities in this ever-changing world.

## **Resolutions**

Delegates considered thirteen resolutions. The resolution for *Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition for Baptism* was approved. This resolution is an agreement with the UCC; Presbyterian Church-USA; Reformed Church in America and Christian Reformed Church; and the US Conference for Catholic Bishops. This resolution comes after seven years of conversation with the other denominations and has already been approved by their governing bodies. Among the approved resolutions *Supporting International Human Rights Related to Sexual Orientation and*

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# Trinity Church Directory

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## **Pastor Nathan King**

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## **Associate Pastor Marion Rhyne**

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**Website: need volunteer to take this over.**

## **Southern Conference Minister:**

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## **Consistory Leadership**

**Debbie Johnson, President**

**Matthew Cummings, Vice President**

**Bonnie Schell, Secretary**

**Jim McNutt, Chair of Deacons**

**Alane Holste, Treasurer**

**Todd Adrian**

**Eugenia Holste**

**George Smith, Sr.**

**Pearl Kobylarz**

**John Maze**

**Ken Swoope**

**Don Whitfield**

**Bobby Eagle**

**Pastor Marion L. Rhyne**

**Pastor J. Nathan King**

If you have any concerns or suggestions for the betterment of the church, please talk to a Consistory member. They meet the 2nd Sunday of the month after church.

## August

2	Coleen Eagle
2	Eugenia Holste
4	Wayne Bridges
5	Dia Miller
9	Wendy Columbus
9	Tyler Columbus
13	Laura Carpenter
14	Susan Woodward
19	Nathan King
21	Kristy Auten
22	Tanner Columbus
23	Brycen Columbus
23	Sharon Eddings
27	Joe Lowder

*Gender Identify; the Right for LGBT Parents to Adopt and Raise Children; and Stand Against Hostility toward Islam and the Muslim Community.* Resolutions direct the work of the ministry teams at our national setting in Cleveland, OH. For a full list of resolutions, visit [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

### **Unified Governance**

Delegates approved Unified Governance revisions to the UCC Constitution and Bylaws which combines the five existing boards into a single, 52 member United Church of Christ Board. The UCC's 38 Conferences now will be asked to ratify the constitutional amendments prior to the 2013 General Synod.

### **Election of Officers of the Church**

Delegates elected three new collegium officers.

### **Additional News**

Almost 200 delegates and visitors marched to the local Publix Supermarket in Tampa on Monday, July 4, in support of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), advocating for better wages and working conditions for Florida farm workers.

Rowan County twin brothers, Maxwell and Richard Brook presented their *Twinmaps* project, a

We are a social action, social justice faith community, open and affirming, welcoming and supportive of all people. We believe taking the Bible seriously means it cannot always be taken literally. We follow the teachings of Jesus, worship God, and seek to be faithful to the way of Christ - alleviating suffering, oppression and injustice, feeding hungry people and housing families that have been displaced, seeking Jesus' way of peace.

We know that God's love embraces all persons equally, no matter their age, gender, race, life status, beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

If you are searching for a way and a place of deepening spiritual experience and practice, come in and make yourself at home.

We welcome all persons to join us in worshipping God and serving others while seeking to know God's will more fully.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you into the full life and ministry of our church.

year-long mission trip covering the US and documenting volunteer ministries throughout the country. Their 17,000 mile, 36 state journey began at their home church, Mt. Zion UCC in China Grove in September, 2010 and ended in Tampa for this year's synod.

### **Where to Find More Information about the UCC and Synod**

Visit [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) or talk with Jerry Rhyne or Carol Williams-Swoope who both attended.

The next Synod will be held in Long Beach, CA, June 28 – July 2, 2013.



## UCC Regional Women's Meeting

### Sunday School Year begins September Eleventh Change of Classes For Some

New Youth Worship for Grades One and Two

September the eleventh will begin the new Sunday School year. Those young people who have matured to the next class level will do so on that day. And those young people who have entered the age of going to Youth Worship, which is being in first grade, will do so. Because of the large grade span in the youth worship already, there will be a second worship, a Youth Worship for those in first and second grade led by Danielle Stengel. It will be in Room 102. It will be based on the way Youth Worship is for the Upper Grades, reviewing the story of the day, the same story their parents will hear in church, through the use of the computer and/or the arts as well as developing their spirituality through the arts and other means. Danielle and Pastor Marion will work together on planning for this class.

#### Send a Card To Our Shut-ins

Bob Suther, Eden Gardens of Concord,  
1501 Zion Church Rd., Con-  
cord, NC 28025

Elizabeth (Lib) Moose,  
650 Camrose Circle, Concord,  
NC 28025

Edith Folkes, Country  
Manor, 3300 4th Ave, Con-  
way, SC 29527

Floryne Misenheimer,  
661 Forest St. NW, Concord, NC 28025-4339



Would you like to spend a week-end in beautiful Blowing Rock in the fall? Would you enjoy inspiration, Bible study, meditation, fun, and new information on health issues? If so, plan NOW to attend the UCC Women's Regional Meeting.

WHEN: October 7-9, 2011

WHERE: Blowing Rock Conference Center

**Theme:** A Faith Inspired Look Toward Wholeness!

**Theme Scripture:** Proverbs 3:7-8

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms. Barbara Baylor, Minister for Health Care Justice, UCC Office in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Bible Study Leader:** Rev. Dian Jackson

**Entertainment:** Glen Bolick, Mountain Story Teller and Singer

You get to choose two workshops from some of the following:

- "You are what you eat."
- "Health Care You Can Live With." written by Dr. Scott Morris, reviewed by Ms. Maureen Coe
- "Relationships: Compassion and Mindfulness in Relationships" presented by Rev. Dorothy Gager, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Vanderbilt
- "Self-care Strategies"
- "Care-giving during the Last Days" book discussion
- "How to support LGBT youth and young adults with Self Acceptance, Honesty, Assertiveness, Respect, & Expression: SHARE"
- "Mental Health & Mental Illness: A Challenge in the ongoing journey for Spiritual wholeness" with Rev. Jo Morris Sherer of Birmingham, AL
- "Five Wishes"

Cost Range is according to accommodations:

Friday Evening to Sunday Noon

\$134.00 to \$168 including meals and lodging.

What a Deal!!

See Eugenia Holste for registration blanks or call her: 704-454-5172 or cell 704-773-0446.



God is still  
speaking,

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*God is still speaking,  
Catch the comma.*

**August 2011**

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AND FACEBOOK



Exodus 15:20-21 After crossing the Reed Sea, Miriam led the people of God using tambourines with singing and dancing. Haley Frazer, Natalia McNutt, and Savannah Church on front row; Maya McNutt, Corey Reichert, and Ewan McConnell on back row.