



The Trinity Portal June 2011

Snack and Meet Someone New at Matt's June 18th

Matt Cummings is hosting a get acquainted Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. on June 18th. Matt lives at 1704 Central Dr., Kannapolis, NC 28083. RSVP to Matt at 704-231-0156. Bring potluck finger foods to share. Matt will supply drinks. Matt will show his slides from Bermuda and NY and have some games and friends to meet. He can accommodate up to 30 people inside and on the porch.



Joint youth choirs of Trinity Reformed UCC and First Congregational UCC sing "Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again" at Worship in the Park on May 15, 2011.

Bridging the Gap: New Summer Discussion Group

A summer group discussing LGBT persons and the Christian Faith will meet every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Pat and Charles Klutz's house through August 11. They live at 654 Bainbridge Dr., Concord 28025. The meetings will create a safe and loving space to discuss all sides of the complex issues of human sexuality and grow closer together through Christian fellowship and Bible study. For more information or to request a ride, call 704-707-6718.

Sacred Arts Group Meets June 21 at 7:15 p.m.

The Sacred Arts group had a fun time decorating and dying eggs. Pysanky, the Ukrainian art of Egg dying was the subject for the evening. The eggs are decorated with icons (symbols) of the resurrection. We usually think of eggs for Easter, but these are given as gifts at Christmas, baptisms, births and other special occasions, besides for Easter. The drawing of designs with melted beeswax and dipping the egg in colors from light to dark results in a beautiful egg.

Lots of fun! Lots of sharing! Making something beautiful! That's what the first Sacred Arts group experiences. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Recent craftswomen to come are Kathy, Cindy, and Nancy Rummage, Patricia White, Gail Hanson, Jo Anna Cupp, and Joyce Overcash.

Thanks to Carol Williams, Pastor Marion Rhyne and Jamie Brock for photographs.

Southern Conference Annual Gathering

By Carol Williams-Swoope

Trinity was well represented at the Southern Conference Annual Gathering in Portsmouth, VA in May with five members attending – Eugenia and Harold Holste, Jerry Rhyne, Nathan King, and Carol Williams-Swoope.

The majority of the gathering was spent discerning and discussing a report from the Center for Congregational Health with whom the conference contracted to assist in rebuilding trust, defining relevance and vulnerability, developing financial stability and sustainability, expanding voices at the table, and defining a mission statement.

Based on conversation and surveys completed beginning in September 2010 by individuals and leaders throughout the conference, seven work streams were identified in the report for action:

Mission and Vision
Finance / Property
Institution
Conference Re-Structuring
Membership
Technology
Constitution

An eighth action group was identified during the gathering – Reclaiming Unity. The eight action groups have been assigned to representatives from each of the three associations who will meet together for further discernment and action throughout the remainder of this year.

After robust conversation, the proposed 2012 budget was passed which reflects our changing economic times. With that, it is likely that each of the three associations making up the Southern Conference will likely be led by an interim conference minister without the additional support of three associate conference ministers.

This is a time of great change in the United Church of Christ and the Southern Conference

as we discern new ways to be in ministry and mission together with our sister congregations. The Southern Conference board of directors will keep associations and congregations informed of the progress by the action groups and of changes that will take place as we move closer to 2012. The complete report from the Center for Congregational Health can be found at www.ucc-soc.org.

Trinity is Rainbow Sponsor of Salisbury Pride, Saturday, June 25

The Salisbury-Rowan Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will sponsor the first ever Salisbury PRIDE celebration on Saturday, June 25, 2011. Founded in 1973 by mothers and fathers, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has 220,000 members and supporters in more than 500 chapters throughout the United States, including 18 chapters in North Carolina.

Trinity will have a tent and table to raise awareness that there are welcoming places to worship. This is a family event so come join the festivities and show support for Trinity UCC.

Festival events will include arts and crafts displays, music and entertainment, food, games for children and more. The celebration is slated to take place in the 100 block of East Fisher Street (Brick Street) in downtown Salisbury from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. Vendors, shop owners, church, civic and non-profit organizations will have booths. Those who want to help out at Trinity's booth can contact Todd Adrian or Hope Bradley Fite, our secretary. Ann Stanback is the keynote speaker. More information is available at: www.salisburypride.com.

Thanks to Harold Holste, Bobby and Keith Eagle, Wayne Bridges, Carl McCall, and Travis Hoyle for cleaning up the church bank on June 4th.

Trinity's Free Community Dinner Is June 18 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 one person who is hungry who wouldn't have supper, our efforts are worth it. The menu for June is:

Chicken Salad sandwiches
Pimento Cheese sandwiches
Chips
Dessert

Tea and Lemonade and Coffee

Dinner is from 5 to 7 p.m. and help is really needed any time after 3:30 or 4 pm.

AA meets in the fellowship hall on Saturday afternoon until 3:30 and they set up the round tables and chairs for us. Help is needed after 3:30 to set the serving line, get plates, glasses, silverware, etc. out of the kitchen and ready for dinner to start at 5 p.m.

Mom (Nancy) and my sister (Kathy) really help me doing the shopping and prep work at home on Friday and Saturday morning.

One of the most important things church members and friends can do is to come eat and talk to those who come from the outside community. Thanks again to everyone for your support for this project.

Choir Takes a Vacation in August

The congregation will be in for some surprises and delightful music. Carl Tosi plays the flute. Michael Hansen plays the guitar and sings. There are possible duets and soloists sitting in the congregation. Be brave and share your gifts. Volunteer your friends! Call Pastor Marion 704-721-4017.

More Nursery Help Needed

Won't two or three MORE people volunteer to keep the nursery with another person monthly or quarterly? Kathy Rummage and Carol Williams are having to miss worship for many weeks every month. We thank those who have recently volunteered. Let Kathy know if you can help: 704-213-2462.

Plastic Grocery Bags Badly Needed for CCM in June

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

Our food pantry special needs for June are:

Pork and Beans
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Pasta Items
Canned Meat including Vienna
Sausage

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

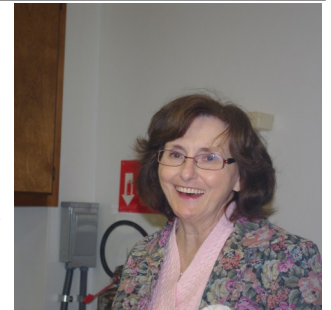


"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to /for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." —Matthew 25:40.

15 Minutes of Physical Activity

By JoAnna Cupp

For the Month of June we will be concentrating on Physical Activity. As well as eating a well balanced diet we need to get up and move. The new story board is in the Narthex and it is bright pink. This is motivating you to get up and move if only 15 minutes 3 to 4 times a day. There are some papers and we can keep logs of our physical activity. I know this is not a favorite thing but you will be surprised at what 15 minutes 4 times a day will do. Also in the fellowship hall there is a new bulletin board. It is on Understanding Pre-diabetes and Insulin Resistance and how weight loss and physical activity can prevent diabetes.



The Rev. Jerry Rhyne went to Washington DC at the end of May to be part of the Clergy Call for Justice and Equality convened by The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization. 300 faith leaders focused on legislation that addresses employment non-discrimination and protection from bullying and harassment.

Rev. Rhyne is also interesting in stopping human trafficking of children for sex and child labor.

Our Father's House is June 12-19

By Debbie Johnson

It's that time again to host our families from Our Father's House ministry. They will arrive at Trinity on Sunday evening around 6:00 PM on June 12th and leave Sunday June 19th around 7:30 AM. Here is the list of opportunities you can volunteer for. **PLEASE RESPOND TO "Debbie Johnson"**

markpsu75@hotmail.com

SET UP - Sunday June 12th following worship - 12:15 ish! (I know that is Consistory, we can work around that; we have before!) Tasks include packing up classrooms, moving furniture and setting up rooms to look like a bedroom, turning the fellowship hall into a living room, and setting up tables with table cloths to make it like a dining room!

MEALS PREP/EVENING HOST - Arrive around 5:30-6:00pm, serve and eat with our guests, and stay until 8:30. If you can only prepare the meal - please let me know! Need Sun., Mon, and Thurs. nights.

(Sunday 12th - Sat. 18th)

OVERNIGHT GUESTS - Two adults arrive 8:30 PM stay until 7:00 AM - Sunday 12th though Sat. 19th (Saturday morning stay until 9:30) If you want to bring your child, that is OK , I just need advance notice and they will probably need a sleeping bag.

GROCERY SHOPPER - Someone to purchase breakfast supplies, snacks and sometimes lunch. List and funds are provided.

LAUNDERERS - It is helpful to have more than one person to take home bed linens, towels, and kitchen linens. If you have a large capacity washer/dryer for twin size comforters we would love for you to take some home on the 19th.!!

TAKE DOWN - this traditionally has been the place we get the fewest volunteers. So we need more at 7 AM! Converting everything back to the way it was last Sunday. Cleaning rooms, toys, kitchen, and bathrooms.

Please let me know as soon as possible where you would like to help. Remember, opportunities go quickly. School is out that week, so we might have children in the evening looking for things to do!

Thank you for helping with this wonderful ministry.

Trinity Church Directory

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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

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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.

June 2011

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

3	Steve Murdock
6	Harold & Eugenia Holste
7	Paul Hart
11	Bobby & Elsie Bonds
12	Louise Moore
18	Brian Cranford
19	Ron Barnhardt
19	Dia Miller & Kristy Auten
22	Clarissa Cline
23	Jo Anna Cupp
26	Robin Champion
30	Giles Kindley
30	Mark & Debbie Johnson

Average attendance in May 2009: 59
Average attendance in May 2010: 50.25
Average attendance in May 2011: 64

May Pancake Breakfast: 94 guests
Facebook fans increased from 169 to 293! 150 fans are under the age of 34.

UCC Church Information

UCC churches have been fortunate and sustained no damage during the Spring Storms.

The UCC has issued a \$250,000 Spring Storms Appeal to assist with long-term recovery efforts, but much more will be needed as well as work groups for repairs.

What does REFORM mean in the name of our church?

The Christian, Reformed, Congregational, and Evangelical churches that formed the Union of UCC arose from the tradition of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformers. We confess the authority of one God. We affirm the primacy of the Scriptures, the doctrine of justification by faith, the priesthood of all believers and the principle of Christian freedom. We celebrate two sacraments: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Trinity UCC Mission

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 worshiping 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.



Socrates Café Meets June 7

The Concord Socrates Café offers an opportunity for honest discourse where listening and questioning are honored. They meet at Ellie's, 37 Union St S #A1, Concord on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome! For future plans, contact Sam at samtreadaway@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School Will Be July 24-29 with Closing Worship on July 31

The Story of God Through the Story of Moses and the People of Israel

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with supper at 5:30.

Classes for Ages 3 to Middle School/Senior High

There are many short stories in the story of Moses that are usually read and learned separately. This week we will put them all together: The Basket story and the Burning Bush, Day 1; The Plagues and the Passover, Day 2; The Red (Reed) Sea Story and the Trip to Mt. Sinai, Day 3; The Ten Commandments and the Golden Calf, Day 4; and The Journey to the Promised Land, The Forty Years of Wandering, The Commission of Joshua and Moses' Death, Day 5. We will learn much about how God used Moses to further God's physical and spiritual kingdom.

Those in Preschool/Kindergarten and Grades First through Third will be in self-contained classrooms with a teacher and helper. Those

who have finished 4th grade and above will be without a classroom. They are free to choose their activities in the order they wish. They are accountable only to the Storytelling Facilitator and/or the director.

Activities this year include the opening which sets the story for the day; the story telling activities which review the part of the story heard; the computer room where the story is told or retold, another good review; creative activities for the different age levels that pertain to the story; movie time where the portion of the story heard that day will be reviewed; painting at the easels – a favorite of both the teachers and the students; and the labyrinth where the students will be encouraged to walk and talk to God. The older students will also be encouraged to draw mandalas. Last but not least is the musical "Are We There Yet?" which pulls everything together.

The closing worship is July 31. This is the service when the youth lead worship. They will wear their matching T-Shirts and decorated stoles.

The OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY chart will appear in the Narthex the first Sunday of June. There are many opportunities to use your gifts and help with VBS. Can you have the CDs ready for their viewing each day? Perhaps you would like to prepare the easels and paints and make suggestions from the curriculum for the day's painting. Or maybe you would like to work in the computer room. If teaching is your gift, would you teach or help in a self-contained classroom? What about being the Supper Club organizer? So many opportunities.

VBS is an important time in the summer for all young people. For us it is special because we have young people from our sister church, First Congregational UCC, join us. We have Sacred Learning together. Please give thought to how you can help mentor our youngest members.

Send a Card To Our Shut-ins

Bob Suther, Eden Gardens of Concord,
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Elizabeth (Lib) Moose, 650 Camrose Circle,
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Edith Folkes, Country Manor, 3300 4th
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**"When will our consciences grow so tender
that we will act
to prevent human misery
rather than avenge it?"**

—Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)



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Catch the comma.

June 2011

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Worship in the Park, May 15