



THE MESSENGER

the weekly newsletter of Christ United Methodist Church

NEXT STEP FURNITURE MISSION: GET INVOLVED

I am Christ Church's "Fred Sanford." Next week, and every year during the first week of May, I pull a trailer with several youth mission "Lamonts" to collect treasures for the South Carolina Youth Mission yard sale. Generous CUMC members have made "Junk for Jesus" (as Mike Bailey calls it) very successful. The funds raised are converted into roofs, floors, handicap ramps, and paint jobs. Money from junk paired with the sweat and muscle of our youth has changed the hundreds of lives, including those youth and their leaders.

I often receive calls from church members thanking us for helping them with their moving, downsizing, or remodeling. They mention how much they enjoy meeting the youth and watching all that youthful energy at work.

We also receive calls throughout the year from church members wishing to donate items to the youth and their church. For many years, it was necessary to ask the donor to hold their items until May. I had the idea that with storage space, we could get more items for the sale and be better equipped to help church members in time of transition. Soon, the ministry decided to create itself. I kept discussing the idea with friends including Anna Waldrop, who was forming The Next Step Sunday school class. The class loved the idea and decided to take it on as an ongoing project—and things started happening: Chris Steele donated use of a trailer. Anna talked a storage facility into donating two units. The Endowment Fund provided monies to rent another unit. We planned a "soft launch" after SCMT started up, but things would not wait. When our start date came around we had filled all three units, donated two loads of furniture to a family that had suffered loss of their home, refilled three units, and stored household goods sorted by Linda Bradshaw, allowing rapid response to families needing immediate help. We also have a growing list of patient people (we hope) waiting to donate.

Here is the part where we (The Next Step Furniture Mission) ask you (the CUMC congregation) for help with this fledgling ministry. We are currently stymied and desperate for more storage space. If you have space—or ideas of where we can find space—please contact the Church Office or The Next Step Sunday school class at thenextstepsundayschool@gmail.com.

If this ministry has stimulated your latent Fred Sanford gene, we want you to be part of it. We see this ministry having many directions and many connections. There is a place for your skills, ideas, and service.

We also need your prayers for guidance, wisdom, and continued donations to the yard sale and the furniture ministry. This year's sale is Saturday, May 6. If you need me, I'll be here all week!

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WORSHIP

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

Believing Like a Disciple
Scripture: John 20:19–31

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30am

Traditional Service

Preaching: Virginia Reynolds
(Sanctuary)

9am

Awakening Contemporary Service

Preaching: Virginia Reynolds
(Fellowship Center)

9:50am

Sunday School for All Ages

11am

Traditional Service

Preaching: Virginia Reynolds
(Sanctuary)

11:15am

Spark Contemporary Service

Preaching: Virginia Reynolds
(Fellowship Center)

11:15am

GO! Children's Worship

Drop off by 11:15am in the Chapel.

WDRC-FM 101.7

Tune into Christ Church on the radio to hear our 11am service broadcast live on Sundays.

—Britt Blaylock

MINISTRY UPDATES

Attendance for April 16: 1313
Sunday School: 232

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our deepest sympathy to Judy Rhyne on the death of her mother, Jeanne Seguin.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

If you, or someone you know, has a prayer request, please email prayer@christgreensboro.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you're going through a difficult time, a Stephen Minister can help. Contact Rev. Virginia Reynolds at 299-1571, ext. 381.

8:30AM COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

We need some additional volunteers to help prepare communion at the 8:30am service each week; this takes only about 5-10 minutes before the service and another 5 minutes after the service. (We have other volunteers to prepare the gluten-free elements.) If you find this weekly sacrament meaningful and can help on a rotating basis (perhaps one Sunday a month), please contact Cathy West (cwest@christgreensboro.org) or call the Church Office (336-299-1571). Thank you!

CONNECT LUNCH: APRIL 30

Interested in learning more about Christ Church? Join us for a Connect Lunch on Sunday, April 30, immediately following the late worship services in the Parlor. While you eat, you'll be able to connect with staff and church members and learn more about what Christ Church has to offer. If you're considering joining Christ Church, there will be an opportunity to do so after lunch. We would love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Susan Pabon (336-299-1571 ext. 305; spabon@christgreensboro.org). Childcare will be provided.

VBS COLLECTIONS

Planning for VBS is well under way, and we are collecting 4-ounce and 6-ounce glass baby food jars, and cereal and cracker boxes. Donations can be put in the box outside the Library.

CEC REGISTRATION

Summerfest

Registration is now open for Summerfest at the Childhood Enrichment Center, which fills summer mornings with active play, music, sensory-based art, weekly themes such as animals, science, and cooking—and more! Summerfest is for children ages three months through rising first graders, and will run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, May 30–July 27, excluding the week of June 26. For more information, contact Kathy Sinopoli Director, Childhood Enrichment Center (336-294-9080; cec@christgreensboro.org; cecgreensboro.org).

2017-2018 School Year

The Childhood Enrichment Center at Christ United Methodist Church offers programming Monday through Friday, 9am–1pm, for ages 3 months to 5 years. Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, visit cecgreensboro.org or contact CEC at 336-294-9080 or cec@christgreensboro.org.

CHRIST LIFE ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING ADULT FELLOWSHIP TRIPS

Thursday, May 11: Trip to High Rock Farm, Gibsonville, NC

Coming this Fall:

- October 12 – Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre: “Ragtime the Musical”
- November 4 – NC Cotton Festival, Dunn, NC
- December 7 – The Cove and the Grove Park Inn (Asheville) to view the gingerbread houses

BABY BOOMER MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATE!

A BB Potluck Social is scheduled for April 28 at 6:30pm. This event for couples and singles will include a potluck dinner, music, and trivia. RSVP at christgreensboro.org/events/bb-potluck.

If anyone is interested in starting a Baby Boomers small group (bridge, tennis, bunko, dance class, etc.), please contact Jim and Libba Genova (jimlx90@gmail.com).

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Come join us for some fun games and fellowship. Our kick-off will highlight the classic card game of Pinochle with the possibility of adding other games at future events. The version of Pinochle we're playing allows those who have never played it before to learn the basics after a few practice hands. On the first and third Wednesdays every month we'll be meeting from 3:30pm–5:30pm, just before the Welcome Wednesday meals. Our first get-togethers will be May 3 and May 17. Information about Fun and Fellowship and a description of Pinochle game play is available at the Connection Desk. If you would like to suggest other games or have this information sent to you, please contact Dennis Chesney (336-454-4184, dkchesney@hotmail.com).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(9:50am–10:50am)

THIS WEEK

Aldersgate (Room 213)

If Jesus is the Answer, What is the Question?, led by Jim Genova

Asbury (Chapel)

Led by Rev. Nick Scandale

Christ and Conversation

(Room 108)

Cokesbury (Room 106)

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel,
led by Carl Lindquist

Dimensions (Parlor)

Epworth (Room 202)

FaithLinks

Faith Matters (Room 215)

Fellowship (Room 110)

Improv (Basement)

Koinonia (Room 2015)

Montagnard Class (Room 209)

The Next Step (Basement)

Parents of Young Children

(Disciple Room)

Seekers Class (Room 101)

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande,
led by Duane Morford

CHRIST KIDS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our theme for April 23 is "Come to the Breakfast!" (John 21:1-4).

KIDS GROUP FLOWER POT DELIVERY LENT EVENT: APRIL 30

Join us as we deliver the flower pots we painted during our Lent gathering in March. KIDS Group will meet at 12:15pm, with delivery beginning at 1:15pm. We need adults to assist with this outreach opportunity; please contact Anne Dooley (adooley@christgreensboro.org) if you can help.

CAMP TEKOA (JULY 30-AUGUST 5) REGISTRATION

Each summer, a group from CUMC attends our United Methodist Conference Camp—Camp Tekoa, near Hendersonville, NC—together for one week in the summer. We provide transportation and a watchful eye for our campers. Anne and the camp nurses attend the whole week to volunteer and be with our children. Current third graders through youth are invited to join us for the week of July 30–August 5 (Week 8). (Third and fourth graders can choose to stay for a half or full week.) Learn more and register at camptekoa.org. For more information, contact Anne Dooley (adooley@christgreensboro.org).

CHRIST YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Choir, as well as Junior and Senior High Youth Group, will resume on Sunday, April 23. Youth Choir begins at 5pm and Youth Group begins at 6pm.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND PRAISE BAND

Youth Orchestra will begin rehearsing April 23 at 4pm for Youth Sunday (May 21). The Youth Praise Band will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30pm. If interested in joining our youth music groups, please contact Cathy West (cwest@christgreensboro.org, 336-209-8407) to register.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

The Enneagram Part II will continue this week. Ongoing classes—including Yoga, Coffee and Conversation, Knitting, and children's and youth small groups and classes—will also continue.

Menu for April 26: Grilled Chicken Wrangler Sandwich, Onion Rings, Fruit, Salad Bar, Assorted Desserts and Beverages (Kids' Menus: Chicken Nuggets and Fries; Healthy Choice: Grilled Chicken Salads)

MISSIONS

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Time is growing short and there are still many shifts open for volunteers on both Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, for the food drive at the Harris Teeter at the Shops at Friendly Center. Please check your calendars to see if you can spare just two hours on either or both days to help collect food for Greensboro Urban Ministry. Having face-to-face contact with customers makes a huge difference in having a successful drive that will benefit hungry families in Greensboro. Please volunteer today, and ask your friends to volunteer. Sign-up sheets are on a table by the Connection Point Desk in the Gathering Space. If you can't volunteer, please shop on those days to help fill our carts. For more information, please contact Beth Taylor (b76taylor@gmail.com, 336-202-8726) or June Farthing (336-255-3218).

LUMBERTON FLOOD RELIEF TRIPS

CUMC is sending a team to Lumberton in April, then skipping May, going back in June. We have had a date change for April, and the new dates are April 27-29. Please contact David Millsaps (336-362-8717; v92cdc@gmail.com) with questions or if you are interested.

PEACEHAVEN FARM WALK

Peacehaven is a sustainable farm that connects people with special needs to the larger community through shared living and the work of the farm. Peacehaven's 2017 Farm Walk, a fundraising and "friend-raising" event at the farm, offers an opportunity to explore the farm's 89 beautiful acres as you walk the special 1.2-mile Farm Walk course. As Christ Church, we support Peace Haven—join us to support them at Farm Walk 2017. Register at crowd.rise.com/FarmWalk2017. All ages are welcome!

OUT OF THE GARDEN BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are packing approximately 25 bags of food every week for school children in need, so we are constantly in need of donations. Please help out this ministry by dropping off needed items at the shelf in front of the Library: canned vegetables; canned fruit; canned high protein beans; pasta and pasta sauce (cans or plastic jars); rice (2 cup size); macaroni and cheese; canned tuna, chicken, or fish; canned soup; peanut butter; crackers (especially ones that come in sleeves like Ritz or Saltines); granola bars; cracker packs; cereal (especially instant packs); and canned ravioli/spaghetti.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC STEAK DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION: MAY 12

Join us for our annual Angus Barn-style steak dinner and silent auction benefiting the Dominican Republic Mission Team. Appetizers and the silent auction begin at 6pm; dinner begins at 6:30pm, and the silent auction closes at 8:15pm. Come enjoy great auction items, delicious food, and live music for a great cause at this can't-miss Christ Church event. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child, and can be purchased on Sundays in Holy Grounds or online at christgreensboro.org/events/steak-dinner.

JOIN OUR HEART-WALKING TEAM

3 John 1:2 Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

Take a moment. Now, picture three people that you care for; three people whose health and well-being are dependent in some way on you. Do you have them in your mind?

Now, are YOU on that list? You should be. In fact, we should all be at the top of our own list because those that depend on us in some way or another, need the best version of us we have. With Spring in full bloom and the Easter season all around us, Christ United Methodist Church encourages you and your family to be a part of a shift towards a healthier spirit, mind, and body.

Over the next several months, we will be inviting you to participate in several events that are designed to guide and educate us in healthy lifestyles, wellness and the resources in our community.

With this in mind, we have formed a heart-walking team to participate in the 2017 Greater Guilford Heart & Stroke Walk, and we invite you to join us. This family-friendly event is free to all and serves as a way to represent the church in the community, fellowship together on the beautiful campus of UNC Greensboro, and support a cause that is empowering our community to live Healthy For Good.

Activities include a Children's Energy Zone, Healthy Cooking at Home, Physical Fitness Zone, Hands-only CPR training, face painting, Pooch Parade for the best-dressed dogs, and so much more.

To join our team, you can either:

1. Visit: www2.heart.org/goto/christgreensboro. It takes two minutes to register.
2. Or, look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Details:

May 20, 2017

- 8am: Activities begin
- 9am: 5K walk (with a 1 mile option)
- 10am: Activities continue & prizes awarded
- 10:30am: Closing ceremony

Our hope is that this day will serve as the beginning of many opportunities to support one another wherever we are in our journey towards a healthier church congregation.



WESLEY VILLAGE

Vacation Bible School • Monday, June 26–Thursday, June 29, 2017 • 9am–1 pm

This year's Vacation Bible school at Christ United Methodist Church promises to be another fantastic week of learning and fun for our children and grandchildren. Wesley Village will focus on the life and teachings of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. VBS is for rising three-year-old preschoolers through rising sixth graders.

ABOUT WESLEY VILLAGE

We will meet in small Bible study groups called Holy Clubs. Children will make daily trips with their Holy Club to Wesley Village where all ages will make crafts in an 18th-century village setting and eat snacks of traditional English food in Susanna Wesley's kitchen. They will learn teachings of John Wesley and the hymns of brother Charles.

PRESCHOOL BIBLE SCHOOL

Children who will enter three, four or five year-old preschool or kindergarten this fall will stay in the classroom to learn about John Wesley and will also visit the Marketplace.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Registration: April 14–May 15

For Christ Church members
and frequent worshipers

\$21 per child (\$51 family maximum)

Open Registration: May 16–June 12

Elementary school classes only
(rising kindergarteners through
rising sixth graders)

\$31 per child

VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

To make VBS a success, we need the help of more than 200 volunteers in the following areas:

- Preschool
- Elementary
- Crafts
- Games
- Drama
- Storytelling
- Snacks
- Pictures/videos
- Carpool
- Nursery
- Set-up and take-down

We will provide you with training, materials, and childcare! We need volunteers from sixth graders and up.

REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTGREENSBORO.ORG/VBS2017

PHOTOS FROM OUR EASTER FLOWER CROSS



CALENDAR of CHURCH EVENTS *for the week of APRIL 23*

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

8:30am Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
9am Awakening Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Center
9:50am Sunday School for All Ages
11am Bible Club – Room 209
11am Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:15am Spark Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Center
12:15pm Local and Global Missions Committee Meeting
– Disciple Room
2pm Flute Choir – Music Room
4pm YMAC Praise Band – Fellowship Center
4pm YMAC Orchestra – Music Room/Sanctuary
4:45pm Yoga – Youth Building
5pm Peer Visitation Service of Prayer and Healing
– Chapel
5pm Youth Choir – Music Room
6pm ChristYouth Group – Gym
6:15pm Choristers Rehearsal – Room 101

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:30am Pilgrimage Reunion Group – Parlor
9am Tai Chi – Youth Building
9:45am Babygarten – Youth Building
10:30am MusicPlay – Youth Building
1:45pm Chair Yoga – Youth Building
4:30pm Small Group Bible Study – Disciple Room
6:30pm Board of Trustee Meeting – Parlor
7pm Women's Bible Study – Disciple Room
7pm Carillon Handbell Rehearsal – Music Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

9am Celebration Ringers – Music Room
9:15am Intermediate Yoga – Youth Building
9:45am Babygarten – Youth Building
10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor/Gathering Space
10:30am Beginners Yoga Level I – Youth Building
10:30am Simply Fit Exercise Class – Youth Building
11:45am Beginners Yoga Level II – Youth Building
5pm Campana Ringers – Music Room
6pm Babygarten – Youth Building
7pm SPRC Meeting – Room 106

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7am Men's Bible Study – Parlor
5:30pm Welcome Wednesday – Fellowship Center
6:10pm Centering/Intercessory Prayer – Chapel
6:20pm Yoga – Youth Building
6:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal – Room 101
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room/Chapel
6:30pm Welcome Wednesday Classes – Church-wide
7pm Wesley Choir Rehearsal – Room 101

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7am Men's Bible Study – Parlor
9:15am Intermediate Yoga – Youth Building
10:30am Simply Fit Exercise Class – Youth Building
11:45am Chair Yoga – Youth Building
5:30pm Tai Chi – Youth Building
7pm High School Small Group – Youth Building
7pm New Covenant Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
8:30pm Basketball Fellowship Time – Gym

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

7am Men's Bible Study – Parlor
5:30pm Senior High Beach Retreat
6:30pm BB Potluck and Trivia – Fellowship Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

All Day Senior High Beach Retreat
9:45am Babygarten – Youth Building
10:30am MusicPlay – Youth Building
11am Spark Practice – Fellowship Center

LOOKING AHEAD

April 28: Baby Boomer Potluck and Trivia Night

May 6: SCMT Yard Sale

May 12: Dominican Republic Mission Trip Silent Auction and Steak Dinner

June 26-29: Vacation Bible School

July 10-13: Day Camp (Kindergarten-Third Grade)

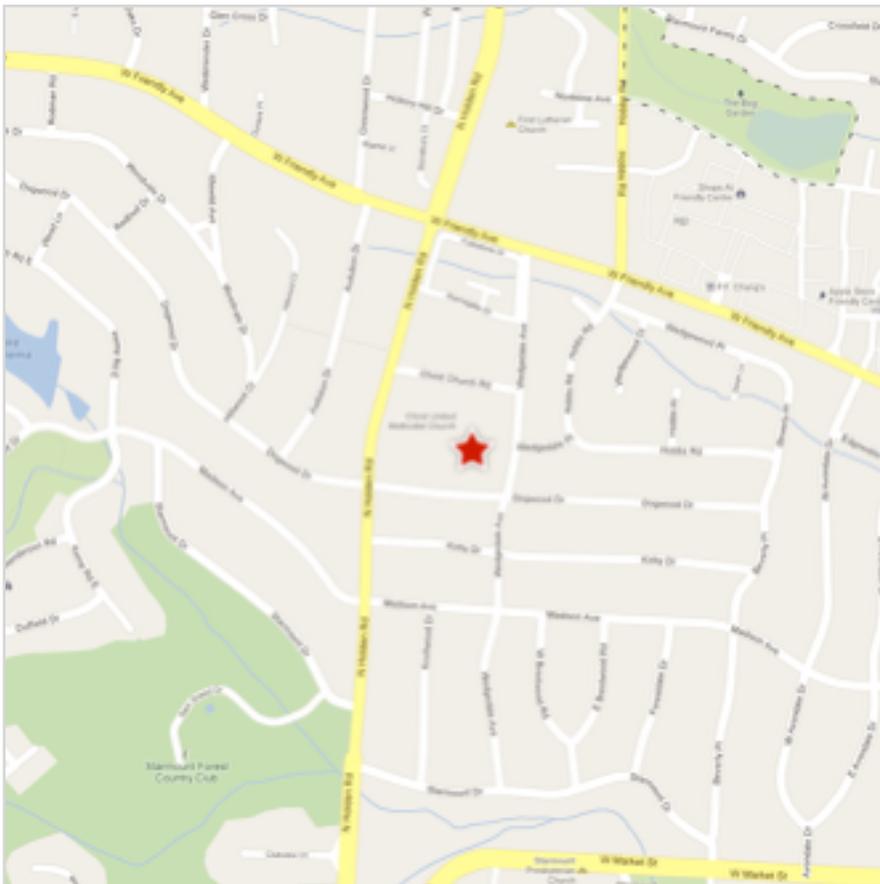
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