



Greensboro Gleanings

July 2011

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear GUCC Community,

Greensboro summers are always busy, and that is certainly the case for July. I want to bring two events in particular to your attention.

First, my new CD of original songs, 'See and Be Sane,' has been completed. The first shipment of 1000 copies arrived in my office on June 1. I have greatly appreciated the interest many of you have shown in this product, and I look forward to many more of you hearing the material as time goes on. I am enormously pleased with the way this album has turned out and am deeply grateful to the uniformly remarkable group of musicians (including our own Alexander Romanul) who worked with me to bring this endeavor to a successful and high-quality conclusion.

The immediate next step for this project is my CD release concert in our church on Saturday evening, July 30, at 7:30 PM. The concert will feature an outstanding lineup of musicians, including Alexander Romanul on viola, and Frances Rowell on cello; as well as other talented area performers such as Tracy Wolters and Mavis Perron. I am also delighted that one of my favorite musicians, the singer-songwriter, Linda Worster from western Mass., will be the featured guest performer for this concert. Linda is the creator of several outstanding albums of her own original, beautiful and deeply spiritual music. She will begin our festivities on the 30th by presenting the opening set, before being my guitarist and support vocalist as we play the songs of 'See and Be Sane.' I think this is going to be a fun and inspirational night. The best way to reserve tickets in advance is to send an email to Cassandra Brush at the church office (gucc@guccvt.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet on the board in Fellowship Hall. (Phone reservations will also be accepted, although the earlier methods I mentioned are easier for us in the office.) There is a suggested donation of \$12 that will help defray the substantial costs of this project. I very much hope you will put this date on your calendar, and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Second, I want to let you know that our annual summer book-study group will be happening again this year. We will be meeting for five consecutive Tuesday mornings in FH from 9 – 10:30 AM beginning on July 12. This year, we will be reading the book, 'Without Buddha, I Could Not Be a Christian,' by the Roman Catholic theologian, Paul Knitter. This is one of the best books I have read in a long time and I think it should make for some fascinating and valuable learnings about what is most essential in our pursuit of greater spiritual life. Copies will be available at the Galaxy Bookstore in Hardwick.

I hope to see you at some.....if not all.....of these events.

Tony Acheson

GOD'S LOVE

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.*

Psalm 145:8-9



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MILESTONES & MISCELLANY

Happy July Birthday to:

Tom & Zachary Collier, Ken Johnston, Bill Niemi, John Redfern, Corey Whitten, Fenton Meyer, Eli Hill, Ethne Gray, Joot Wright, Dan Beresford...and happy anniversary to Mike & Susan Coffey!

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.

Major congratulations are due to Ainsley Launer on her graduation from Hazen on June 18. She will attend UVM in the Fall.....(Are there other graduates we have missed?.....if so, please let Cass know so we can recognize them in next month's Newsletter).....Many thanks are due to Brian Gilmartin and Andy Dales for repairing the ramp on the north side of the building; and to those same two, along with Paul Fixx and Judy Dales, for overseeing the repair and re-installation of the stained glass window

nearest the pulpit in the sanctuary.....Congratulations are also very much due to Alexander Romanul for his remarkable composition, and performance thereof, on the new CD called, 'How to Carve an Angel,' based on the poem of that name by Peter Fulton. You should make a point to ask Alexander about that, and get your hands on a copy.....

.....We grieve with Annegret Pollard on the passing of her niece in May. Annegret described the service for her which contained these beautiful words: 'You may shed tears because she is gone; or you can smile because she has lived.....'

.....We grieve as well with the families of Betsy Carrick and Ann Goodhue who also left us in recent weeks.....and with Jan Travers who buried her Mom, Edna, in mid-June...and with the Eisner family who bid goodbye to Bill Sr. in a moving service on June 18.

HOSPICE SINGING GROUP IS AVAILABLE IN HARDWICK/GREENSBORO AREA

Northern Light is a hospice choir composed of women, some of us from the Greensboro Church, who are drawn to singing as a community service. We come from many walks of life, many faiths, and numerous interwoven circles of connection. We are available to sing for anyone facing life-threatening illness or in the final stages of life. We sing for patients and their families at home, in nursing homes or in assisted living facilities. Northern Light is also available for memorial services.

We sing familiar hymns, songs from numerous folk traditions, contemporary songs about love, loss, greeting and parting, as well as simple rounds and chants – some lively

and uplifting, some quiet and calming. We bring just our voices, often breaking into harmony. We respond intuitively to each situation we are called to, and tailor our selection of songs accordingly.

We are available in the Hardwick, Vermont area. Our services are offered free of charge. Contact us if you know of someone who might benefit from our services: (802) 456-1983. We also take referrals through Caledonia Home Health & Hospice: (802) 748- 8116. Are you interested in singing with us? Please call Director Ellie Hayes at 456-1983.

Those Gorgeous Flower Arrangements on the altar come to us via Cilla Bonney-Smith. Cilla would like everyone to know that anyone wishing to arrange or contribute altar flowers is welcome to do so. If you would like to provide flowers please let Cilla (533 2347) know which Sunday is best for you!



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><i>Thank You to our July Coffee Time hosts!!</i></p> <p>July 17—Janet Long</p> | <p>July 3—Paula Ratchford</p> <p>July 24—Bill & Linda Nicely</p> | | <p>July 10—Connie Dornseifer</p> <p>July 31—Joanna Beresford</p> | | <p>1</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>11—1 Chicken BBQ</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>Rev. John Teevan Preaching</p> | <p>4</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8:30—Tai Chi, FH</p> | <p>6</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>7</p> <p>8:30—Tai Chi 4—Diaconate Board</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> |
| <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>12</p> <p>8—Tai Chi, FH 9—10:30 a.m.—Book Study, FH</p> | <p>13</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>14</p> <p>8:30—Tai Chi</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>3 - Memorial Service John Irwin</p> |
| <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>19</p> <p>8—Tai Chi, FH 9—10:30 a.m.—Book Study, FH</p> | <p>20</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>21</p> <p>8:30—Tai Chi 4:30—Christian Ed Board, Lib</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>26</p> <p>8—Tai Chi, FH 9—10:30 a.m.—Book Study, FH</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10—Living Strong, FH</p> | <p>28</p> <p>8:30—Tai Chi 7—Trustees, Lib</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10—2 SERRV Sale 7:30—Acheson Concert</p> |
| <p>31</p>  | <p><i>Thank You July Ushers & Greeters!</i></p> <p>7/17—Elsa & Terry Williams</p> | | <p>7/3—Porter Perham & Anne Parke</p> <p>7/24—Larry & Glea Kreider</p> | <p>7/10—Joyce Mitchell & Lacey Smith</p> <p>7/31—Syddie Sowles & Helen Twiss</p> | | |

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings:

July 3 ~Genesis 24:34-67~Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of
Solomon 2:8-13 or Zechariah 9:9-12~Psalm
145:8-14~Romans 7:15-25~Matthew 11:16-
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July 10 ~Genesis 25:19-34~Psalm 119:105-112~Isaiah
55:10-13~Psalm 65:1-13~Romans 8:1-
11~Matthew 13:1-23

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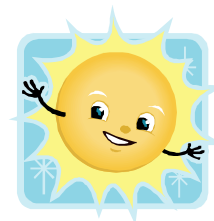
July 17 ~Genesis 28:10-19~Psalm 139:1-24 or Wis-
dom of Solomon 12:13-19 or Isaiah 44:6-
8~Psalm 86:11-17~Romans 8:12-
25~Matthew 13:24-43

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July 24 ~Genesis 29:15-28~Psalm 105:1-54 or Psalm
128 or 1 Kings 3:5-12~Psalm 119:129-
136~Romans 8:26-39~Matthew 13:31-52

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July 31 ~Genesis 32:22-31~Psalm 17:1-15 or Isaiah
55:1-5~Psalm 145:8-21~Romans 9:1-
5~Matthew 14:13-21



CHURCH SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Congratulations to all our local graduates! Many thanks to Irene Nagle and the Greensboro youth who joined together to do the car wash on June 11th. The proceeds all go to our Campership Fund which provides financial assistance for area children who attend different Summer Camp opportunities. Thank you all who contributed to the effort.

Plans are already in the works for next fall's Church School program. In addition to the children's classes, this year the Greensboro Youth will meet with me one Sunday each month during Church School time to work on special projects, studies, and mission work. Remember that our Youth Program is open to anyone in Grades 6 through Senior in High School.

As you learn of new families coming into our area, please pass the word along so that I can add them to our invitation list. Enjoy your summer!

Sonia Dunbar, School and Youth Coordinator