



# Greensboro Gleanings

September 2011

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear GUCC Community,

The summer of 2011 in Greensboro has come and gone and what a summer it was. For many of us, summers have become a mixed experience here. The surroundings are beautiful; the people are wonderful; and the allure of the many local events is considerable. But if the quality of our summer offerings is high, the sheer volume can be a bit high too. Sometimes 'keeping the schedule' can be a source of stress, even unnecessary conflict. Hopefully we can all keep learning.....whether it's summer or winter; here or somewhere else.....to say, 'Yes,' to what feeds us, but, 'No,' to what makes us feel it's all too much.

As for me, I find myself looking forward to the Greensboro fall. This is my own favorite time of year here. There is a pristine peace from September to November that emanates from the environs that surround and embrace us in these parts. The trees are beautiful when they're green, but equally so when they're red and orange, and then bare. The graceful shrouds of snow that come later bring their own soul-feeding forms of nature's art. Some of you who come mainly for July and August may want to try staying on a bit one of these years.

So.....Happy fall to you all, whether it's near or afar. I hope that many of you who ARE staying on, and whom I have not seen in the sanctuary much of late, will want to recommit to the healthy habit of joining with your church community on Sunday mornings in the months ahead. There are some good and artful things happening inside our walls as well as out. Be well.

Your Pastor,

*Anthony*



## SEASONS

*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

*A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;*

*A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

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## ***MILESTONES & MISCELLANY***

**Happy September Birthday to:**

... Penny Bretschneider, Bruce Buckley, Phil Quarrier, Nathaniel Launer, Sally Lonegren, Tim Nisbet, Doug Steimle, Andrew Meyer, Richard Aseltine, Tony Hinds, and Lisa Hewett!

...and happy anniversary to Martha & Bill Niemi!

*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.*



Ainsley Launer, who starts UVM this week. (If there are others newly off to college, let us know in the office).....On September 18, Anthony and Nancy will be walking (maybe even running) in the Walk for the Cure (of breast cancer) in NYC in support of their daughter, Emma. ....After

starring in The Fantastiks (during which he was, in fact, fantastic!) Jim Sowles contracted walking pneumonia..... Jenneke Barton, who had a bad fall, had wrist surgery on Aug. 11, and hopefully will be back in Greensboro as you read this. Let's keep them in our prayers.....and we very much need to keep Elaine Dunbar in our prayers as her battle with cancer has reached a critical stage. And finally we send our condolences to the family of Lois Beard (mother of Amelia Fritz) who died on July 11.

Many thanks are due to Andy Dales for fixing the broken step at the entrance to Fellowship Hall.....We are so happy to hear that Tara Reynolds and Fede Viconi have become the proud parents of Nadia Louise Viconi, born on 7/27. Cards can go to 80 Hanson Drive, Greensboro, 05841. ....Congrats as well to Alma Rowley on her move to the 4 C's a few weeks ago. Cards or calls for her can go to 1784 East Craftsbury Rd., Box 18, Craftsbury, VT. 05826. Ph: 802-586-9022.....We also offer our best wishes to our new grads and college students, including

### **Thank You to our September Ushers and Greeters!**

Sept 4—Anne Parke & Mary Meyer      Sept 11—Meg & Clark Maser

Sept 18—Bill & Linda Nicely      Sept 25—Dirk & Marian Lorenz



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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| <p>Thanks to Our September Coffee Time Hosts!</p> <p>Sept 4—Martha Rose                      Sept 11—Sherral Lumsden</p> <p>Sept 18—Nancy Hill                      Sept 25—Janet Long</p>  |                                          |                           |                                                                            |                                                               | 1<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH | 2                                                  | 3 |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH  | 6<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH  | 7<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH<br><br>4:30 p.m.—<br>Mission Board | 8<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH                                      | 9                        | 10<br>7:30 p.m. Karen<br>McFeeters Folk<br>Concert |   |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH | 13<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH | 14<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH                                   | 15<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH<br><br>4:30—Christian<br>Ed, Ch Lib | 16                       | 17                                                 |   |
| 18<br>Rona Kinsley<br>preaching                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 19<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH | 20<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH | 21<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH                                   | 22<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH<br><br>7 p.m.—Trustees<br>Meeting   | 23                       | 24                                                 |   |
| 25<br>First Day of<br>Church School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 26<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH | 27<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH | 28<br>10 a.m.— Grow-<br>ing Stronger, FH                                   | 29<br>8:30—Tai Chi,<br>FH                                     | 30                       |                                                    |   |

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**Upcoming Lectionary Readings:**

**Sept 4** ~Exodus 12:1-14~Psalm 149 or Ezekiel  
33:7-11~Psalm 119:33-40~Romans  
13:8-14~Matthew 18:15-20

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**Sept 11** ~Exodus 14:19-31~Psalm 114 or Exo-  
dus 15:16-21 or Genesis 50:15-  
21~Psalm 103:1-13~Romans 14:1-  
12~Matthew 18:21-35

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**Sept 18** ~Exodus 16:2-15~Psalm 105:1-  
6~Psalm 37-45 or Psalm 145:1-  
8~Jonah 3:10-4:11~Phillipians 1:21-  
30~Matthew 20:1-16

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**Sept 25** ~Exodus 17:1-7~Psalm 78:1-16 or  
Ezekiel 18:1-32~Psalm 25:1-  
9~Philipians 2:1-13~Matthew 21:32



**YOUTH GROUP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING DAY IS SEPTEMBER 25.**

Everyone is invited to join us for the beginning of another year. We are very excited to offer a different style of approach to church school in the coming months.

The first Sunday of every month will be Commitment Sunday for Church School Members, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. This will be presented and the large group time for will happen.

The other Sundays of the month full as that first Sunday. In this way when we get to see all of those shining week and hope that you will come and



the Sunday that overall themes will be pre-making friends and community building

will continue on the theme but will not be as we hope to have regular committed Sundays faces. Of course we wish to see you every join us all the time.

The Third Sunday of every month will be Commitment Sunday for YOUTH. Grades 6 - 12. Mission projects, friendship building and opportunities for self reflection are all a part of the plan for this coming year. We want you to come and add your voice and your opinion to this community. After all it belongs to you. Can't wait to see everyone on September 25.

Sonia Dunbar, School and Youth Coordinator