

# Greensboro Gleanings

August 2009

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, our daughter Emma was married on Saturday, July 18, to Colin Koch from Charlotte, Vt. Colin is a wonderful young man whom Nancy and I have come to love greatly. The two of them have been pretty much inseparable for more than eight years, going back to when Emma was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and they were schoolmates. You don't have to be around these two for long to see that they seem to be very much meant for each other. The wedding itself was held in the Charlotte UCC, with a reception in South Burlington attended by about 150 guests. Emma and Colin also spent a wonderful honeymoon week at St. Barth's in the Caribbean. They are currently living in New York City.

That weekend of Emma's and Colin's wedding was one of the true highlights of all of our lives. Everything went extremely smoothly. It was one of the great privileges of my own life to be able to, first, walk my daughter up the aisle [and, as she put it, to 'hand her off' to Colin;] and then later in the service to come to the front and stand with my daughter and her fiancé in that beautiful church and pronounce them to be husband and wife. At one point Nancy and I were saying to ourselves that the wedding was everything we had hoped it would be and even more. Not long after that we heard Emma say almost those identical words to someone in a different conversation. It was a time of great blessing. The sun even came out!

Nancy and I deeply appreciate the many expressions of support we have received from many of you both before and after this wedding, including your best wishes for this beautiful young pair, and for the well being of all of us. We thank you so much for your affectionate support. We feel very blessed not only as parents [and now parents-in-law] but also as members of this wonderful community of the Greensboro Church, and of this town.

Your Pastor,

*Tony Acheson*

*"...This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you..."*

*John 15:12*



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## ***SERRV SALE—AUGUST 1, FELLOWSHIP HALL***

Twice a year the Mission Board of the United Church of Christ in Greensboro sponsors A Greater Gift sale. This sale is hosted in partnership with SERRV International, Inc., a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation.

SERRV works with 36 countries to enable artisans and farmers to gain access to markets and maintain a sustainable income. Income from the purchases improves working conditions and provides access to education and health-care for artisans and their families.

Household items, table ware, instruments, games are

but a few of the beautiful well made items available.

The Mission Board will be hosting a sale August 1 in Fellowship Hall from 9am – 2pm. And again following worship service on Sunday August 2, 2009.

Go to [www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org) and experience many of the wonderful items for sale and learn more about this important organization. *Shop and make a world of difference at the same time!* SERRV's work encompasses more than just buying and selling. They offer prepayments so their partners can sustain their business; create new designs so they can build their markets; teach new skills so artisans can develop their craft; provide grants to expand resources.

## ***MILESTONES & MISCELLANY***

### ***Happy August Birthday to:***

Joel Behrsing, Beth Lovett, Rhonda Myers, Phil Gray, Paula Ratchford, Leslie Simonson, Willa Farrell, Mary Beth Whitten, Clive Gray, Cassandra Brush, Bruce Richardson, Anthony Acheson...  
... and happy anniversary to Dan & Cassandra Brush and Bruce & Joan Richardson.

*Is 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 completely.*

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Our condolences go to several families: to that of Trudi Osterhout whose son-in-law, Ralph Troiano, was buried on July 11; and to Ed Stehle whose wife, Alberta, was buried on that same day. We also mourn with the family of Bill Carter, whose burial will be on August 1 at 1 PM; and the family of Ruth Hunsberger for whom there will be a Memorial Service in the church on August 1 at 3 PM.....Congratulations go to Ainsley Launer who has completed her ten day trip to Scotland.....to Emma and Colin Koch on their July marriage.....and also to Emily Hurst on plans for her wedding to Nathaniel Thompson on August 29 in Trunansburg, NY..

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## ***SUMMER LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST***




Wednesday, August 5—  
8:00 p.m. — Lecture by  
Mr. Ross Connelly, Editor  
of the Hardwick Gazette.  
Subject: "The Gazette — a  
microcosm of the World  
Press vs. the Internet."

Wednesday, August 19—8:00 p.m.— Lecture by  
Mr. Lewis A. Lukens, subject: "U.S.—Canadian  
Relations." Mr. Lukens just completed a 3-year  
tour as U.S. Consul General in Vancouver. Previ-

ously he has served in Abidjan, Sydney, Dublin and Baghdad. At present, Mr. Lukens is a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State handling Secretary Clinton's logistics program and travelling with her on every trip.

Wednesday, August 26 — 8:00 p.m. — Lecture  
by Major Metcalf, subject: "Military Life in Iraq."  
— More information on this presentation will be  
available in August.

# AUGUST 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Thank You August Coffee Hosts!</b>			<b>August 2 – Mimi Haley</b>			
<b>August 9 – Rick &amp; Jackie Lovett</b>			<b>August 16 – Jerry &amp; Cookie Brown</b>			
<b>August 23 – Anne Parke &amp; Gail Sangree</b>			<b>August 30 – Cathy Pollard</b>			
2	3	4	5 8 p.m.—Lecture, Mr. Ross Connelly, Editor Hardwick Gazette on 21st century media	6 9–10:30 a.m.— Study Group	7	
9 11:20 a.m.— Associate Mem- bers Annual Meeting	10 4:30— Pleasant’s Fund Meeting, Library	11 7 p.m. — Church Council, Library	12	13 9–10:30 a.m.— Study Group	14	8  15 11 a.m. — Organ Practice
16 11:20 a.m. — Annual Meeting	17	18	19 8 p.m. Lecture, Mr. Lewis Lukens on U.S.- Canadian Rela- tions	20	21	22 11 a.m. — Organ Practice
23 Trish Alley Preaching	24 Tony on Vaca- tion	25	26 8 p.m. — Lec- ture, Major Metcalf on Mili- tary Life in Iraq	27	28	29 11 a.m. — Organ Practice  Emily Hurst- Nathaniel Thompson Wed- ding
30 Guest Preacher	31 Tony back from Vacation					

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***Upcoming Lectionary Readings:***

**Aug 2** ~2 Samuel 11:26-13~Psalm 51:1-2 or Exodus  
16:2-4, 9-15~Psalm 78:23-29~Ephesians 4:1-  
16~John 6:24-35

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**Aug 9** ~2 Samuel 18:5-31~Psalm 130 or 1 Kings :19:4-  
8~Psalm 34:1-8~Ephesians 4:25-5:2~John  
6:35, 41-51

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**Aug 16** ~1 Kings 2:10-3:14~Psalm 111 or Proverbs  
9:1-6~Psalm 34:9-14~Ephesians 5:15-  
20~John 6:51-58

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**Aug 23** ~1 Kings 8:1-43~Psalm 84 or Joshua 24:1-  
18~Psalm 34:15-22~Ephesians 6:10-20~John  
6:56-69-21

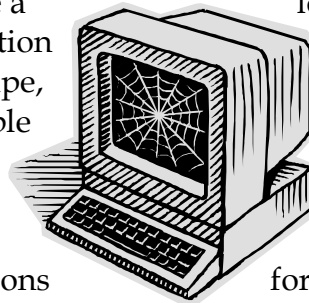
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**Aug 30** ~Song of Solomon 2:8-13~Psalm 45:1-9 or Deuter-  
onomy 4:1-9~Psalm 15~James 1:17-27~Mark 7:1-  
8;14-23

## WWW.GUCCVT.ORG THE CHURCH'S NEW WEBSITE

The church is pleased to announce that our new website has been set up and is now available for viewing online. The address of the site is [www.guccvt.org](http://www.guccvt.org).

As we go to press we are still in the process of adding content to the site. As this website develops it will be frequently updated with announcements of upcoming events, the most recent newsletters and calendars, messages from the pastor, and other information vital to the life of the church. We invite you to come and take a look. Please be patient as some locations on the site will have their information ahead. As this site continues to take shape, we invite your comments and suggestions to make it as effective as possible in serving the ongoing needs of the church.



Our website not only has de-  
tailing copies of our monthly calen-  
dars, but you can find past sermons  
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printed), download forms and applications  
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