



Greensboro Gleanings

July 2009

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear Friends,

Greensboro summers are short, but they are also full. And that is true as much here at Greensboro Church as in the rest of the town.

As you look through the calendar and articles of the Newsletter, you will see a rich menu of events taking place in our church building during the next month. I want to bring one thing in particular to your attention, by inviting all of you to take part in our Thursday morning Study Group, which will I will be leading, beginning on Thursday, July 9, and continuing for six weekly meetings [ending on August 13.] This has become a meaningful annual event for many of us in recent years, and should prove to be the same again this summer.

The topic of this year's group will be: *Spirituality and Religion: Are They Compatible?* In recent years, there has been a growing awareness in our culture of the distinction between religion, on the one hand, and spirituality on the other. Our times together will be divided between presentations, discussion and inner work. Among other things, the group will explore the differences and similarities between religion and spirituality as distinct modalities for approaching ultimate things. We will examine how spirituality and religion either get in the way of each other, or complement each other...or, at differing times, both. And we will consider what some of the criteria are for determining the priorities between our spiritual experiences and our religious involvements.

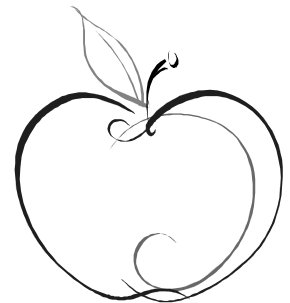
This group will meet from 9 to 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall on each of those 6 consecutive Thursdays. There is nothing that needs to be purchased. [We will not be studying a particular book as we have in some years in the past.] Just bring yourselves, your willing spirits, and your open minds. I hope to see many of you on July 9 as we begin what should be a fascinating and valuable group experience.

Your Pastor,

Tony Acheson

“... You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*John 15:16-17,
NRSV*



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SERRV Sale—August 1, Fellowship Hall

Enrich your life and change the world at the same time! Purchase beautiful and affordable fair trade handmade items by disadvantaged artisans in developing regions. 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. SERRV International is one of the first alternative trade organizations in the world, a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization (formerly IFAT) and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF). 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 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.

SERRV
Supports equal rights for women.
Guides sustainable development.
Pays a fair wage.

MILESTONES & MISCELLANY

Happy July Birthday to:

Bill Niemi, Thomas and Zachary Collier, Fenton Meyer, John Redfern, Corey Whitten, Ethne Gray, Joot Wright, and Eli Hill!

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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Marion Babbie has had a tough month. A fall in mid-June resulted in some broken bones in her back. [She is now at the 4 C’s for a couple of weeks.] Ten days or so before that, her nephew, Mark, was killed in motorcycle accident. Let’s be keeping Marion and her family very much in our prayers...and let’s be doing the same for Medeline Gebbie, also recovering from a fall in May, and a very sore back....prayers are needed also for Janney Johnston and her family tending Janney’s stepdad who is dealing with serious illness.....Congratulations are due to our recent graduates: Erin Dezell, from Ohio Wesleyan; Keilah Figueroa, from Lakeview School; Kelton Myers, from Harvard School of Education; and Lindsay Wheeler, from Hazen Union. Did we miss any? Let us know and we’ll give them

their proper next month.....Congrats too to Rhonda Myers on her wonderful ordination here on June 21.....and best wishes to Emma Acheson and Colin Koch [and their families] as they wed on July 18 in the Burlington area.....

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CATERING BY CASSANDRA

I am writing to you as your church secretary, friend, and neighbor ... For the past year I have undertaken a new endeavor – catering. Growing, raising, preserving, cooking and baking wonderful foods has long been my passion (and once even a vocation), and I have been slowly turning it into a business. I use products that are grown and raised locally as much as possible not only to support our local economy, but because that is the best tasting food available. If you find yourself needing a caterer, please consider trying out my services. I write this, by the way, with permission from Tony (who not only edits this newsletter, but occasionally has sampled my wares). Call 472-8044 or email cassan-drabrush@aol.com for inquiries.

Schedule for Summer Lecture Series

Wednesday, July 29—8:00 p.m. — Lecture by Professor Cathy Donnelly, co-owner of Lakeview Inn. Subject: “How the Lakeview Inn Supports Vermont’s Artisan Cheese Industry.” The lecture will be followed by a cheese tasting from Jasper Hill Farm. Donnelly is Professor of Microbiology at the University of Vermont, and co-director of UVM’s Cheese Institute.

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. Previously 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..

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST ON JULY 25

Everyone is invited to a community breakfast in Fellowship Hall set for Saturday, July 25 from 8 to 9:30 AM. This breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of the church and the village, but will be offered to all women, men and children in our community. More information and details will be made available in the coming weeks in church, through Tony’s email list and on the church’s website. We hope you’ll join us for what will surely be a delicious breakfast and a great community builder on July 25.



Curves Unleashed

*Judy B. Dales’
Fiber Art*

*Champagne Reception
Friday, July 17
4:30-6:30*

*Sat. July 18 -Sun. July 19
10 am - 5 pm*

*Lakeview Inn
Breezy Avenue
Greensboro, Vermont*

*To benefit
Greensboro Arts Alliance
email: judy@judydales.com*

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Thank You July Coffee Hosts!</p> <p>July 5 — Bill & Linda Nicely</p> <p>July 12 Ken & Janney Johnston</p> <p>July 19 — Dave & Vangie Kelly</p> <p>July 26 — Lib Bishop & Trudy Osterhout</p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11—1 BBQ</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:30— Mission Board, FH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9—10:30 a.m. Study Group in FH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30— Trustees, Library</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 p.m. Interment of Alberta Stehle</p>
<p>12</p> <p>John Teevan Preaching</p> <p>Baptism of Molly Larra- bee</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 p.m.— Summer Mu- sic</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9—10:30 a.m. Study Group in FH</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8 p.m.— Summer Mu- sic</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 p.m. - Summer Lecture Se- ries—Cathy Donnelly, Cheese In- stitute</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9—10:30 a.m. Study Group in FH</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Annual Re- ports to Cassandra</p>	

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings:

- June 5** ~2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10~Psalm 48 or Ezekiel
2:1-5~Psalm 123~2 Corinthians 12:2-
10~Mark 6:1-13
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- July 12** ~2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19~Psalm 24 or Amos
7:7-15~Psalm 85:8-13~Ephesians 1:3-
14~Mark 6:14-29
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- July 19** ~ 2 Samuel 7:1-14a~Psalm 89:20-37 or
Jeremiah 23:1-6~Psalm 23~Ephesians 2:11-
22~Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
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- July 26** ~ 2 Samuel 11:1-15~Psalm 14 or 2 Kings 4:42-
44~Psalm 145:10-18~Ephesians 3:14-
21~John 6:1-21

Chicken BBQ
Greensboro Church
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$10 per plate



Email gucc@guccvt.org or call 533-2223
to reserve your meal