



# Greensboro Gleanings

March 2010

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear Friends,

We have a lot to be grateful for here at Greensboro Church. Our forebears who built this church created a rich foundation for us to work from. Just as we honor those past roots, it is equally important to look forward. One way we do that is to increasingly rely on more efficient tools in our office, including digital resources. That is why we have made it a high priority in recent months to create a website for the church. [Our address is [www.guccvt.org](http://www.guccvt.org) .] Our website enables us to communicate with Members, Associate Members, building users, and those who want to learn more about us. As such, we would like to encourage you to not only to take a look at our website if you haven't already done so, but to make a habit of using it regularly when you need information or want to keep in touch. Some of the website's helpful functions include:

**Scheduling.** If you want to reserve the building for an event, the best way to start is to click, "News & Events," then, "Calendar," to check availability for a certain date. Then email or call Cassandra [at [gucc@guccvt.org](mailto:gucc@guccvt.org); or at 802-533-2223] to make the reservation.

**Announcement of events.** On the front page, you will see our Announcement box where we post upcoming events and special services. You can also find links to important documents, such as the 2009 Annual Report, and basic worship and music information.

**Recent events.** We are building an album of photographs from special times in the church's life, such as Bronwyn Potter's retirement reception, or Cabin Fever Follies. If you have photos you'd like posted, bring them to the office on a thumb drive or CD, or email them to [gucc@guccvt.org](mailto:gucc@guccvt.org).

**Newsletters .** Did your newsletter get lost in the mail, or worse, lost in cyberspace? You can find copies dating back to early 2009 under, "News & Events."

**Sermons.** Most of my sermons are being posted online. Just click on "Ministers Messages," then "Sermons."

**Grant applications.** You can find all applications and guidelines for our scholarship fund, camperships, or The Pleasants' Fund.

**Boards & Committees.** We keep an updated list of who is serving as chair of what committee, to make it easy for the membership to keep in touch and communicate about critical church issues.

As we draw closer to Holy Week, and then our busy summer season, we hope that you will make regular use of our website as a way to keep in touch, keep abreast of what we're doing, and communicate with the church office. We look forward to seeing you all online, but most especially—in person--in the coming days and months.

God's blessings to you all,

*Tony Acherson*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

*John 12:24  
King James Version*



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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Although many of our Associate Members are only with us for a short portion of the year, we never forget you and realize how important you are in the life of our congregation. One of our Associate Members requested we include the minutes for the AM annual meeting from last summer in our monthly newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all again in a few months.

**GREENSBORO, VERMONT AUGUST 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by John Hewett, Church Council Representative of the Associate Members. It was moved that the minutes of last year's meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded and approved. The Associate Members nominate people to serve on various Committees and Boards for the Church. These members are elected for a three year term. The following had been elected in 2007 for the Class of 2010:

- 1) John Hewett -- Church Council  
John said the next meeting of the Church Council will be on August 11. There is sharing of information from the various boards and committees.
- 2) Anne Parke -- Deacons  
Deacons are responsible for the spiritual life of the Church. Anne gets minutes after each meeting. The members of the Board of Deacons are very hard working. They prepare Communion, oversee receptions and make a major contribution to the annual chicken barbecues. They published a church directory during this past year, which was a major project.
- 3) Jerry Brown -- Trustees  
Jerry said that he is very impressed with the GUCC and the role it plays in the community. He said that we should all be proud to be a part of it.
- 4) Marian Lorenz -- Christian Education  
Marian said that Cara Hill does a great job with the Sunday school. She also helps introduce new young people to the Church.
- 5) Lisa Hewett -- Mission Board

The SERRV sale was very successful.

6) Report by Tony Acheson

Tony said that Cara has done a great job and that the Church School has been growing. It now has 10-12 children, eight of whom were very regular in their attendance. They are in the process of creating a youth group between various churches.

Tony announced that a web site has been created.

It contains a history of the church, the church calendar, and newsletters.

The web address is: [www.guccvt.org](http://www.guccvt.org)

Tony discussed the purchase of a new piano for the Church. There has been an anonymous donation of \$10,000 for the new piano. A committee is researching buying the piano. A number of people have contributed money for the piano so it wasn't necessary to solicit the entire congregation. Tom Zajkowski will store his piano in town.

Nominations and Elections:

Each year the Associate Members elect individuals to fill the following three positions for a term of one year.

Alan Lukens – Summer Lecture Series

The four lectures were very successful this year.

Anne Parke – Pastoral Relations

Marian Lorenz – Secretary

Anne Parke and Marian Lorenz were re-elected but Alan Lukens announced that he is stepping down as head of the Lecture Series. John thanked him for the great job he has done over the years.

The Associate members again recommended that a flier describing the GUCC be developed. Tony said that he would follow through on this.

John Hewett thanked everyone for attending and encouraged everyone to attend the Church's annual meeting on August 16. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marian Brown Lorenz, Secretary*



**Thank you to our March Coffee Hour Hosts!**

March 7—Janet Travers

March 14—Cilla Bonney-Smith

March 21—Mike & Susan Coffey

March 28—Penny Bretschneider

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 3:30—Strong Living, FH	2	3 3:30—Strong Living, FH  4 p.m.— Christian Ed, L  5 p.m.— Potluck and Study Group	4	5 4:30 p.m. — Trustees Meeting, Library	6
7	8 3:30—Strong Living, FH	9 4:30 p.m.— Mission Board, FH  7 p.m.— Deacons, Library	10 3:30—Strong Living, FH	11	12	13
14 Alden Launder Preaching	15 3:30—Strong Living, FH	16	17 3:30—Strong Living, FH	18	19	20
21	22 3:30—Strong Living, FH	23	24 3:30—Strong Living, FH	25	26	27
28	29 3:30—Strong Living, FH	30	31 3:30—Strong Living, FH	April 1  6 p.m.—Maundy Thursday	April 2  Good Friday Service, Time TBA	

NEWS FROM  
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### Upcoming Lectionary Readings:

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- Mar 7** ~ Isaiah 55:1-9~Psalm 63:1-8~1 Corinthians  
10:1-13~Luke 13:1-9
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- Mar 14** ~Joshua 5:9-12~Psalm 32~2 Corinthians 5:16-  
21~Luke 15:1-32
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- Mar 21** ~Isaiah 43:16-21~Psalm 126~Phillipians 3:4b-  
14~John 12:1-8
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- Mar 28** ~Psalm 118:1-29~Luke 19:28-40~Isaiah 50:4-  
9~Psalm 31:9-16~Phillipians 2:5-11~Luke  
22:14-23:56

## Milestones & Miscellany

### Happy March Birthday to:

*Aurora Brush, Madelyn and Ellen Emers, Lindsay Hill, Annegret Pol-  
lard, Elizabeth Gilmartin, Sharon Steimle, Marion Mackenzie Stegnar,  
Cilla Bonney-Smith, Nicholas Russotto, Diane Fixx, Jeff Bretschneider,  
Kaela Myers, Bobbie Nisbet, Martha Niemi, and Winnie Thomas!*

*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. You can call 802-533-  
2223 or email [gucc@guccvt.org](mailto:gucc@guccvt.org).*

Our heartfelt prayers go out to Paula Ratchford and the family  
of Peter Ratchford, who died on February 23 ... We also extend  
our prayers to the family of Katy Redfern, who died February 21  
at the age of 92 ... Francie Hays' sister Anne Saunders also  
passed away in February, and we extend our prayers to the Saun-  
ders' family as well ... Prayers go out to the family of Rolf  
Muentner, who died on Jan 26. Our prayers are also with the  
family of Carroll Perry, who died on Feb 10. Plans for memorial  
services are incomplete in all of these cases, but we will let you

know when they are scheduled.

We also extend our prayers to Lorraine Sprout (wife of St.  
Johnsbury UCC pastor Jay Sprout). Lorraine had stem cell re-  
placement surgery on Feb 22 (donated from her sister) as a part  
of a rigorous treatment she has been undergoing for leukemia.

Paul Fixx's moving process was greatly helped by several  
members of the congregation (a good example of the church  
being the church) ...

Etta Peabody sent a letter to Marion Babbie outlining her move  
away from Greensboro, and her new life in Colorado. Her new  
address is: 550 N Lincoln Ave., Apt. 234, Loveland, CO 80537.  
She would love to hear from her friends in Greensboro!!

Sherral Lumsden writes: "Tamra had a baby boy Monday, Feb  
1, at 10:53 a.m. His name is Ean Jeffrey Peters. He weighed 7  
pounds and is 19 1/2 inches. All is well. I'll be going  
out during school break in about 3 weeks.  
Yeah! Love, Sherral"

Congrats to the Lumsden family!!

