



# Greensboro Gleanings

October 2009

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ...

Dear Friends,

Nearly a year ago, an anonymous donor gave our church \$10,000 as seed money toward the purchase of a high quality piano for our sanctuary. Although there had been a good piano in that space for quite a few years, it did not belong to us, and there was no guarantee as to how long its owner might choose to keep it here. The Trustees were happy to accept the gift, and proceeded to appoint a seven person search committee to find a new piano.

The search took several months and involved considerable research, including studying well regarded books about pianos, and unearthing available knowledge online. Because we live in a rural area, we soon discovered that there is not a high volume of available new or used pianos in close proximity to us. This necessitated taking several field trips which covered quite a bit of geographical area. This led to the opportunity to play and hear a wide range of instruments of varying makes, models, sizes and quality. The result was a decision in early September to purchase a new Mason and Hamlin 5 foot, 4 inch grand piano.

Those of us who have been involved with this search are unanimously enthusiastic about this new addition to the life of our church. The Mason and Hamlin brand has a long history of producing pianos at the highest end of quality available, as even a brief hearing of this instrument will attest. This is a very, very good piano, and we are very, very fortunate to have it.

There will be a formal dedication of this new instrument during our worship service on Sunday, October 4. As a part of that dedication event, the piano will be featured in several ways: our longstanding music Director, Bronwyn Potter, will play the prelude on the piano for that service; Bronwyn Masse, will use it for the postlude; and Cara Hill will play a solo during the service itself. [We will be requesting quiet during the playing of all these pieces.] This is an important and joyful addition to the life of our church. I hope that as many of you as possible will come and join us on October 4 to celebrate this gift, and the many possibilities it gives us to increase our ministry through the art and beauty of music.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to those who have served with me with great ability and commitment on this piano search committee: Mike Coffey, Andy Dales, Janney Johnston, Bronwyn Masse, Karen Miller and Ed Stehle. The high quality of their work is evident in the high quality of the piano that now graces our church, as we can expect it will for decades to come. We are also deeply indebted to our initial major donor, and to quite a few others whose special interest in our music ministry, and their resulting financial contributions, have brought this new piano to us.

In Psalm 100 it says, 'Make a joyful sound unto the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with singing.' We should all be lifting our thanks to God for this beautiful new gift. And our gratitude goes as well to the long list of people whose time, talent and treasure have made possible the new opportunities for doing God's work in this church through the beauties of music and the arts.

See you on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Your Pastor,

*Tony Acheson*

### *Love for Enemies*

*"..Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High ..."*

*Luke 6:35*

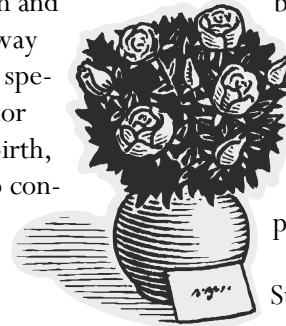


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## ***FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY***

The flower arrangements in the sanctuary every Sunday for the past few months have been generously provided by Cilla Bonney-Smith. Each arrangement has been a work of art and of love. While Cilla enjoys this work and would like to continue in this role, you are all invited and encouraged to participate, especially as garden and roadside flowers become less available! One way to do this is to sponsor and fund flowers for a specific Sunday of your choice such as one in honor or memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birth, anniversary, or birthday. You are welcome to contribute money or to actually provide the floral arrangement, but please communicate ahead of time to Cassandra to avoid duplica-



tion of effort and cost and to be able to acknowledge donors as well as those being remembered in the Sunday church bulletin.

Thank you to all who have contributed so far: Marion Babie for her many years of providing flowers, Judy Dales and Nancy Hill who provided beautiful arrangements this summer, also Mary Durling, Frances Yokana, Bruce & Joan Richardson, and especially Cilla Bonney-Smith!! Let's all participate in this important part of our worship experience. Thank you.

Susan Coffey, for the Deacons

## ***MILESTONES & MISCELLANY***

### ***Happy October Birthday to:***

Charlie Emers, Bronwyn Masse, Joan Richardson, Emery Brush, Edna Zurcher, Frances Lukens Hays, Judy Dales, Shirley Strong, Candace Hall, Nancy Hill, Trish Alley, Rev. Suzanne Spencer, Keith Myers, Eliza Behrsing, Carroll & Toby Perry, and Jack 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 completely. You can call 802-533-2223 or email [gucc@guccvt.org](mailto:gucc@guccvt.org) to update your birthday info.*

Congratulations are due to Emily Hurst for her wedding in New York state on August 29 to Nathaniel Thompson.....and also to Bobbie and Tim Nisbet who recently traveled to Florida for the weddings of their son John on September 4 as well as their grandson [also John] on September 5. Our best wishes go out as well to John and Marianne Weaver whose daughter is to be married on October 3.

We had a chatty note from former Pastor, Leslie Simonson. She continues to be busy in her work of hospital chaplaincy and bereavement counseling [while also singing in her local community chorus.] Her husband, Charlie, has 'retired' [but is also currently serving as an interim pastor!]

Emma [Acheson] Koch sends along her deep gratitude for the support she received for her participation in the 'Race for the Cure' [of breast cancer.] She ran the 5k race in New York City on September 13. [She also had her final radiation treatment on the following day.]

We send our best wishes to Pete and Paula Ratchford, along with our prayers for Pete's health and recovery.....as we do Richie Ohlrogge recovering from a heart attack, and for Jim Cook who had a knee replaced on September 21, and for Doug Kirtz's broken leg We also send our deepest condolences to the family of Susan Davis who died on September 1.

## ***WINTER COAT GIVE-AWAY***

An Outdoor Winter Clothing Give-away will take place at the Woodbury-Calais Church on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Cassandra Brush is accepting donations throughout the month of October for this annual event which helps clothe many of our neighbors. Acceptable donations include new



or used outdoor winter clothes, such as coats, jackets, snow- or ski- pants, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves or boots. Children's items are especially needed. Please no "indoor" clothing. Call 472-8044 or email [woodburycalais-church@gmail.com](mailto:woodburycalais-church@gmail.com) for more info, or drop off donations in the (Greensboro) church office.

# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thank You October Coffee Hosts!				1	2	3
Oct 4—Jan Travers		Oct 11—Cilla Bonney-Smith			7 p.m.—All Brahms Concert	11 a.m.—Organ Practice
Oct. 18—Mike & Susan Coffey		Oct. 25—Penny Bretschneider				
4 10 a.m.—Dedication of the Piano	5	6	7	8	9	10 11 a.m.—Organ Practice
5—7 p.m.—Youth Group						
11 Guest Preacher, Rev. Alden Launer	12 4:30 p.m.—Pleasants' Fund Meeting, Library	13	14 3:30 p.m.—Strong Living Starts	15	16	17 11 a.m.—Organ Practice
						
18	19 3:30 p.m.—Strong Living	20 7 p.m.—Church Council, Library	21 3:30 p.m.—Strong Living	22	23	24 11 a.m.—Organ Practice
25	26 3:30 p.m.—Strong Living	27	28 3:30 p.m.—Strong Living	29	30	31 

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***Upcoming Lectionary Readings:***

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**Oct 4** ~ Job 1:1, 2:1-10~Psalm 26 or Genesis 2:18-24~Psalm 8~Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12~Mark 10:2-16

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**Oct 11** ~Job 23:1-9~Psalm 22:1-15 or Amos 5:6-15~Psalm 90:12-17~Hebrews 4:12-16~Mark 10:17-31

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**Oct 18** ~Job 38:1-7, (34-41)~Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35 or Isaiah 53:4-12~Psalm 91:9-16~Hebrews 5:1-10~Mark 10:35-45

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**Oct 25** ~ Job 42:1-17~Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) or Jeremiah 31:7-9~Psalm 126~Hebrews 7:23-28~Mark 10:46-52

For more news go to [www.guccvt.org](http://www.guccvt.org)



## **NEW YOUTH GROUP FORMED BY FOUR CHURCHES...**

The Greensboro Church has decided to join forces with three other churches in the area this fall in the creation of a new youth group. The first meeting of the group will take place on Sunday, October 4, from 5 to 7 PM. This initial meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of our church. Pizza will be served for dinner as the participants begin to get to know each other and discuss potential activities for the next few months.

The group being formed is open to all people in grades 7 through 12. [This is not limited to kids involved in any church, so kids or adults should feel free to invite anyone who might be interested.] When the group meets it will engage in a variety of activities including sharing meals, fun social activities, taking trips, and getting involved in service projects; as well as discussing different approaches to religion, spirituality and issues of faith. The group may take trips to visit events and services offered by a variety of faith traditions. This group will be co-led by the pastors of the four churches as well as other lay people from our own and other congregations.

In addition to ourselves, the churches taking the initiative to start this group are: the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church [pastored by the Rev. Jack Cabaness;] the United Church of Craftsbury [pastored by Mr. Alan Parker;] and the United Church of Hardwick [pastored by the Rev. Judy Waible.] If anyone has any questions, feel free to give Pastor Tony a call.

### **... and SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

... Also in Church School news, Sunday School volunteers are needed to teach our 2nd unit from mid-October—Thanksgiving, then for the 3rd unit during Advent. Please contact Cara if you can help out for either unit. Her number is 533-2493, or email [chill@vtlink.net](mailto:chill@vtlink.net).