

Calendar of Events August 30-September 6

Sunday, August 30 - WELCOME BACK

8:45 & 11 am Worship - Sanctuary
 8:45 am Building Committee - Room 229
 9:50 am Nat'l Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Assembly Hall
 10 am Interested Person's Gathering - Family Parlor
 10 am Sacred Conversation on Race - Music Room
 10 am Board of Children's Ministry - Conference Room
 12 pm Pastoral Relations Mtg - Room 299
 12 pm Welcome Back Cookout - Fellowship Hall
 5 pm UCCH outing to Durham Bulls

Monday, August 31

6:30 pm Women's Group - Hickory Tavern
 7 pm Visual Arts Meeting - Conference Room
 7 pm Earth Ministries - Room 229

Wednesday, September 2

7 am Bible Study - Library
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, September 3

6:30 pm Deacons - Library
 7:30 pm Chamber Singers - Music Room

Friday, September 4

9:15 am Yoga - Assembly Hall
 11:30 am Meditation/Prayer Group - Library

Saturday, September 5

6 pm Spanish Worship Service - Sanctuary

HELP SUPPORT THE UCCH LIBRARY

On September 13, the UCCH Library will be hosting a book sale. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new books and other materials in the library.

We need your help!

First, donate your gently-used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles to the sale! It can be any kind of book or DVD, if you think someone else at UCCH might be interested in purchasing it. Gently-used children's books are very welcome, as are jigsaw puzzles of all sizes. Any items not sold at UCCH will be donated to the PTA Thrift Shop later in September.

If you have any questions about what to donate, please contact Barbara Wildemuth. Donated materials should be marked and left in the library.

Second, come and buy a few things at the sale on Celebration Sunday, September 13. Thanks!

SERMON SHAPING BIBLE STUDY



On Wednesday mornings at 7 am in the church library, join one of your pastors and fellow church persons in looking ahead at the lessons for the coming Sunday. It's early, but the coffee is on and the study is rewarding.

To be discussed on Wednesday, September 2 September 6 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125
 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37
Jesus heals a man who cannot hear.

To be discussed on Wednesday, September 9 September 13 - 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
Peter identifies Jesus as God's Messiah.

*"We believe in God's
 continuing testament in the world...
 extravagant welcome...
 and changing lives."*

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING,



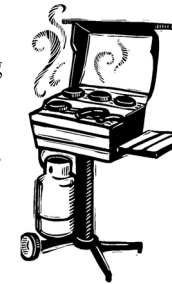
United Church of Chapel Hill
 A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

This Week - August 30, 2015 GOD IS STILL SPEAKING,

TODAY AT UNITED CHURCH

Welcome Back Cookout

Join us for the "Welcome Back Cookout" following the 11 am service. Our Fellowship Board is preparing grilled chicken, hot dogs, baked beans, and salad.



The Board of Children's Ministries has a cake in celebration of Alison Robertson's 30 years of service as our nursery director. Over the course of three remarkable decades, Alison has given loving care to many of your children, grandchildren, relations and friends.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TODAY!

- Thank Alison in person.
- Sign the "thank you" posters in the Fellowship Hall
- Contribute to the love offering, envelopes in the bulletin or basket on the serving table in the Fellowship Hall.



Interested in attending one of our retreats (see page 4) and need help with on our on-line registration form?

If so, please see Rinnie Orr, our Office & Communications Manager today in the Narthex.

She'll be happy to help sign you up for a retreat.

Want to know more about United Church?

Please join Reverend Richard Edens this morning at 10 am in the Family Parlor for an Interested Person's Gathering.

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP Mondays (7:15 pm, Library)

On August 31, the women's group will gather at Hickory Tavern in Carrboro (next to the new Hampton Inn) for dinner at 6:30. All women of the church are welcome to join us, even if they have not yet attended group meetings. We'll take Labor Day (September 7) off.

On September 14, we'll begin our discussion of "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption," by Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need. This book was discussed in UNC's summer reading program for first-year students this year. We'll focus our first discussion on the Introduction and the first four chapters (pages 1-91).

**LYNICE PINKARD, "THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION,"
Sunday, September 6 (10 am Adult Forum)**

Rev. Lynice Pinkard, UCC minister, speaker, and author of *Revolutionary Suicide: Risking Everything to Transform Society and Live Fully*, will speak on "The Church's Ministry of Reconciliation." Lynice spoke at United Church in May and is back in the area with the Racial Equity Institute.

'Just as Bonhoeffer asked what was the church's response to the Jewish question, I feel compelled to ask what the church's response is to forms of brutality and violence that continue to be sanctioned and perpetrated by local, state and federal action, action that is inimical to Christian faith? But, it seems to me that the question that stands boldly behind that question is still, "What is the church?"'

Join us in welcoming Rev. Lynice Pinkard on Sunday, September 6, at 10 am.

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY
Saturday, September 12
(9 am - 12 pm)**

In addition to setting up the Fellowship Hall for our Celebration of Ministries on September 7, we have a number of indoor and outdoor tasks to accomplish as we prepare for the beginning of the fall program.

- Indoor tasks: changing light bulbs, wiping down window ledges, taking tape off windows, cleaning windows, touch-up painting
- Outdoor tasks: weeding, "limbing-up" to create deeper vistas into the forest that surrounds us, and trimming bushes.

The Fellowship Board will provide a yummy lunch for all volunteers

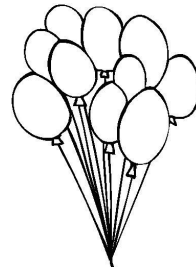
We need your help!

Please bring: bushwackers, saws, clippers, wheelbarrows, ladders, buckets, rags, window cleaner, etc.

**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES
OPENING DAY
Sunday, September 13**

Celebration of Ministries (10 am)

On this opening day, we host a celebration of ministries. All the church boards and committees will have tables in the Fellowship Hall describing their activities and inviting you into service.



Also on September 7...

⇒ **Children's Choir begins (9 am)**

⇒ **Sunday School Open House & Registration begins for children at 10.**

Classes for children and adults begin on Sept. 18

⇒ **Youth Ministries Back to School Kick-Off (4:30 pm)**

Worship with us in September

- **Sunday, September 6** - Reverend Richard Edens preaching. Music: 8:45 Laura Krull, piano; Taize music; 11:00 Laura Krull, piano; Chancel Choir
- **Sunday, September 13** - Reverend Jill Edens preaching. Music: 8:45 Chancel Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir
- **Sunday, September 20** - Reverend Jeremiah Wright preaching. Music: 8:45 United Voices of Praise; 11:00 UNC Gospel Choir
- **Sunday, September 27** - Reverend Richard Edens preaching. Music: 8:45 Chamber Singers; Bronze Voices; 11:00 Chancel Choir; Bronze Voices

BREAD FOR THE WORLD LETTER WRITING

**Thursday, September 10
(7 pm, Conference Room)**

Please join us for our September Bread for the World letter writing session. We will be asking legislators to replace sequestration with a balanced plan that includes both revenues and responsible spending cuts. (The current plan will cut \$37 billion in non-defense programs.)

Questions? Call Kathleen Shapley-Quinn (919-967-0862) or Debbi Carter (919-533-6378).

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

**Inter-faith Council @ SECU
Community House**

Please mark your calendar for the September 21 dedication for the new Inter-Faith Council @ SECU Community House. The festivities will begin at 8 am and finish by 9 am. The actual ribbon-cutting will be followed by an Open House reception in the new facility, including light refreshments.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NC
PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE, SEPTEMBER
26**

NC's 31st annual gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Pride festival and parade will be on Saturday, September 26, on Duke East Campus. The festival will start at 10 am, and the parade will start at 1 pm.

United Church again plans to have an information table at this year's festival. As a further show of support for LGBT equality, we'd like to march in this year's parade. We need you to join us!

If you are interested in volunteering at the table or marching in the parade, please contact Laura Krull at Lmkrull@gmail.com. We also will have more information and sign-ups at our Wednesday Together dinners in September and our Celebration of Ministries on September 13.

From the UCCH Library

For additional perspectives on today's readings, check out the following:

- Borg, M.J. Rejection, miracles, and conflict: Mark 6:1-8:21. In "Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Mark," p53-69. 226.5 Bor C
- Rhoads, D., Dewey, J., & Michie, D. Jesus in conflict with the authorities. In "Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel," p84-89. 226.6 Rho M
- McKenna, M. The hard-heartedness of the Pharisees. In "On Your Mark: Reading Mark in the Shadow of the Cross," p96-100. 226.7 McK O
- Myers, C. The structures of segregation: The "leaven" of the Pharisees. In "Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus," p217-223. 226.7 Mye B
- Borg, M.J. The heart of the matter: Practice. In "The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith," p187-206. 230 Bor H
- Taylor, B.B. The practice of paying attention: Reverence. In "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith," p17-34. 248.4 Tay A
- Palmer, E.F. Pastoral concerns 4 and 5: The temptation of words [and] Good words that become good events. In "The Book that James Wrote," p62-65. 227.6 Pal B
- Martin, R.A. Admonition concerning hearing and doing the Word. In "James/ I-II Peter/ Jude," p23-26. 227.7 Mar A.

The library will not be staffed during the summer, but you are welcome to serve yourself. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Barbara Wildemuth.

We will need some additional volunteers to staff the library during the coming year. If you're interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Barbara Wildemuth.

We're working toward cleaning up the circulation records. If you have a book checked out and are finished with it, return it as soon as possible.

Why Are Racial Justice and Reconciliation Still Unfulfilled Dreams?

Despite our best hopes and intentions in the last 50 years, outcomes continue to be determined by race. This cannot be explained, as we have often believed, by socioeconomic status.

In this week's article "Racial Wealth Gap Persists Despite Degree, Study Says" (New York Times, August 16, 2015) Duke professor William Doherty notes that a family headed by a black college graduate has less wealth on average than a family headed by a white high school dropout.

The lack of attention to these outcomes and growing frustration among Black Americans to find real equity in American systems and institutions has given birth to the #Black Lives Matter movement. Many people believe fervently that black lives do matter but don't know quite how to analyze the nature of institutional and systemic racism.

This is why so many in our congregation have found the Racial Equity Workshop (Historical and Institutional Foundations in Racism) to be really valuable. The next workshop at United Church of Chapel Hill will be:

**Aug 31-Sept 1 (Monday- Tuesday)
9 am- 5 pm both days**

To register, please go to www.oarnc.org and choose this workshop or one in the future that better fits your schedule. Sliding scale scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full registration fee.

For more information, you can contact Wanda Hunter, whunter1@nc.rr.com or 919-929-9655.

IFC COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS & CASSEROLES NEEDED:

Interested in being on our meal serving teams?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Thursday, September 10: We are in need of a volunteer crew to prep & serve DINNER (5 to 7 pm). We also need someone to pick up the casseroles from the church by 4:45 pm.
- Thursday, September 17: We need four women to serve prep & serve casseroles at Homestart (4:30 to 7:30 pm).
- Thursday, September 24: We are in need of a volunteer crew to prep & serve LUNCH (10 am to 12:00 pm). We also need someone to pick up the casseroles from the church around 9 am.

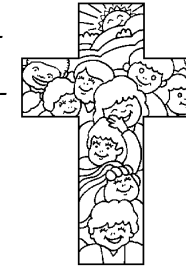
To be on our meal serving team for IFC Community Kitchen and Homestart, leave us your email address and let us know you want to receive our monthly email about volunteering.

CASSEROLES NEEDED:

If you are unable to volunteer your time to serve, please consider baking a casserole. We need 30-36 casseroles a month to sustain this ministry. Disposable casserole pans can be picked up on the table in the church Narthex. Thank you!

Children's Ministries Calendar

- **Sunday, September 13 - Children's Choir begins (9 am)** (see page 6 for more information)
- **Sunday, September 13 Sunday School and Nursery Open House(10-10:50 am)**
A chance for children and their parents and caregivers to visit their Sunday School rooms, meet their new teachers and fill out a short form. For children who will be three by August 31, 2015 through children in the 5th grade. Families with younger children may visit the nursery and meet our wonderful staff during this time.
- **Wednesday September 16 - Wednesdays Together begins (5:45 - 7:30 pm)**
Susan Steinberg and Jenny Anderson leading special program: Stories of Love, Songs of Hope and Trees and Leaves Through Art (see yellow Adult Education insert for details)
- **Sunday, September 20 - Sunday School begins (10-10:50 am)**



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2015-2016

If you are currently in the eighth grade or older, you are eligible for confirmation at UCCH. The class is led by Jill Edens and Helen Hoenig and meets at 10 am on Sundays. There will be an orientation for all those eighth grade and older together with their parents on September 20 (10 am, Room 161 downstairs in the youth wing). A letter will be going out to all those whom we have on our list who meet the age/grade requirements. If you are interested, please email Jill Edens,



Youth Ministries Calendar

Fresh off our mission trip to Heifer Farm outside of Boston, MA, the youth group is revving up for another exciting year of fellowship and mission! We really hit the ground running with a full calendar in September. Come and join us for Sunday school, Middle School youth group, Senior High youth group, or a combination of the three!



Middle School and High School Sunday School classes begin Sunday, September 20, and are weekly during the 10 am hour.

Youth Group Dates to Know:

- **Sunday, September 13 Celebration of Ministries (10 am)**
Come see everything United Church has to offer for the 2015-16 program year, and get registered for your Sunday School class
- **Youth Kick-Off with games (4:30 pm)**
Get the low down on the youth calendar for the year, and enjoy food, a giant hamster ball, laser tag, and a gaming truck.
- **Sunday, September 20 All Youth Tie Dye and Games (11am)**
Bring a white shirt to dye, and stick around to play group games and get to know other youth members.
- **Sunday, September 27 MS – Progression Climbing (11am)**
The middle school group will travel to Progression Climb to do some group bounding, and unleash your inner monkey.
- **Senior High – Table Talk (5 pm)**
*(location coming on the postcard)
The first of our monthly Table Talks will cap off the full month of September.*

Register on-line at www.unitedchurch.org

Living "that they may all be one" **RETREAT WITH DR. JEREMIAH** **WRIGHT - Saturday, September 19** **(9 am)**

2,000 years after the Day of Pentecost and fifty-some years after the UCC union under the banner of Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one," we are still engaged in Sacred Conversations on Race and discerning how to become anti-racist, to build a beloved community and to live "that all may be one."

Please join us on September 19 to meet Dr. Jeremiah Wright. We have asked him to speak on the "marks" of an anti-racist church and on mapping the journey to become a "beloved community of God. There is a \$20 fee.

Dr. Wright will preach at United Church on Sunday, September 20, at both worship services.

OCTOBER TRIP TO UNITED STATES **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN** **WASHINGTON D.C.** **October 9 - 10**

For four Wednesday evenings beginning September 16, we will present lectures on National Socialism and the Holocaust, led by Hans Wuerth, who taught this material when he was a professor at Moravian College in Pennsylvania.

We will discuss the destructive political and social developments and events during National Socialism and their consequences, two of which are World War II and the Holocaust. We will also examine the planning, construction, layout, content and educational mission of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. It is hoped that these lectures might give everyone going to D.C. some helpful historical information on Hitler's dictatorship between 1933 and 1945 and its tragic results.

This lecture series culminates in a trip to the Holocaust Museum on Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10. The trip is limited to 50 participants. Reservations for the trip will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Because of limitation in transportation and housing, participation is limited to members and friends of United Church.

Registration for these church retreats are now on our church website. Go to our home page at www.unitedchurch.org and look under "Upcoming Events" for the retreat(s) you want to participate in.

Please call or stop by the church office if you want to attend a retreat, but are having difficulty with the on-line form. We'll be happy to assist.

Contact Rinnie Orr
office@unitedchurch.org
919-942-3540

"CONNECTING BODY AND SPIRIT" **FALL RETREAT TO BLOWING ROCK** **October 16 - 18**

Find your connection between body and spirit this October 16-18 at our beautiful Blowing Rock Conference Center through yoga, hiking, writing, worship and fellowship.

Friday evening: Get to know fellow participants. Amanda Godwin will lead us through a welcoming exercise, Susan Steinberg will read a story, and there will be informal fellowship of games and conversation.

Saturday morning: enjoy early morning yoga before breakfast, followed by your choice of programs (yoga, hiking, writing). Hiking will be at Linville Falls. All onsite participants may switch programs mid-morning. Afternoon: free time to get to know each other, explore Blowing Rock, tea, conversation and more. Evening: fun entertainment of script reading and play.

Sunday morning: enjoy early morning yoga before breakfast, followed by worship and lunch.

2015 Alternative Gift Market

"Joy & Justice" **November 21-22**

NOT EVERY CHILD BORN IN STABLE SURVIVES

No clean towels. No water. No crib. No time for play or school. For many children born into poverty conditions have not changed in 2,000 years.

This 2015 Alternative Gift Market at United Church of Chapel Hill, November 21-22, will again prioritize gifts to Church World Service to change the lives of children whose poverty forces them to work too early in life forgoing education and hope for the future. In addition there will be gifts available supporting local causes and mission around the globe.

Help us with the 26th Alternative Gift Market at United Church of Chapel Hill

- Examine the true meaning of Christmas – to learn what our gifts can do.
- We offer gifts that give twice, to a specific cause plus the intended recipient
- Buy Fair Trade gifts from across the globe
- Reduce your Carbon Footprint
- Wage peace
- Support local and international missions

Be JoyOuS
Justice, Outreach & Service

In recent years, we have made a gift to support schools and economic development through the Millennium Goals project of Church World Service. Through the Alternative Market, we can change future lives! Every year we say, *"This was great, more people should know about it."*

Your Board of Justice, Outreach and Service is assembling an Alternative Gift team.

Yes, I am interested in helping with this year's Alternative Gift Market.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Yes, I have a suggestion for a strategy, a booth, a vendor _____

United Church of Chapel Hill, office@unitedchurch.org, 942-3540

AMERICA'S JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE IN NC, AUGUST 29 –SEPTEMBER 7 RALLY IN RALEIGH ON SEPTEMBER 3

The NAACP has kicked off America's Journey for Justice, marching across the South to the steps of the nation's Capitol to shout "Our lives, our votes, our jobs, our schools matter."

The march will enter North Carolina on August 29 and follow Highway 1 through the state. The route is 174 miles and will last 10 days. Marchers will walk roughly 18 miles a day. There will be vehicles following the marchers for those who need to take a break throughout the day.

AJFJ marchers will be provided with breakfast, a boxed lunch, and dinner each day that they participate. Marchers will sleep in churches at three different anchor locations along the route.

Marchers will leave from designated anchor locations every morning at 6 a.m. and be dropped off by bus where the marchers stopped the day before. They will be brought back to the anchor locations every afternoon at 4 p.m. for teach-ins, entertainment, and fellowship.

If interested in participating, please register at http://www.naacpc.org/journey_for_justice

Watch for more information about the September 3 Rally in Raleigh. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP chapter will be sponsoring two buses that afternoon leaving from the parking lot of United Church of Chapel Hill.

SPANISH CLASSES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

First 6 week session:

- Intermediates: Wednesdays, September 9 - October 14 (3 - 4 pm)
- Advanced Beginners: Mondays, September 14 - October 19 (5 - 6 pm)

For more information, call or e-mail Jean Call, teacher, at 919-929-9195, or email jean_call@yahoo.com. You may try the first class with no obligation.

CHANGES TO ONLINE GIVING

UCCH's Trustees are asking for our help. Because more of our giving to the church is being done online, the church is spending close to \$5,000 a year on credit card fees, and these costs are increasing each year.

An option to pay the 3% credit card fee will be added to the Donation page on the church website. We have other forms of giving which reduce the fees paid by the church, such as monthly automatic drafts that provide a sustaining offering to the church. Paying by check also reduces the fees.

We are expanding the capabilities for online registration and payment for events such as the Jeremiah Wright retreat, the Holocaust Memorial Museum trip, and the fall retreat at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. An option to pay the 3% credit card fee will be added to the Registration page on the church website.

HOST NEEDED FOR A GUEST ATTENDING WORKSHOP WITH REV. WRIGHT, SEPT 19

A member of the Racial Justice Working Group of Land of the Sky UCC (Asheville) has registered to attend the workshop with Rev. Wright on Saturday, Sept. 19. He has inquired as to whether someone would be willing to host. If you are willing, contact the church office (office@unitedchurch.org or 919-942-3540).



UCCH YOUTH FALL RETREAT 2015 AT CAMP CARAWAY IN SOPHIA, NC FRIDAY, OCT. 16 - SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Fall retreat to the mountains for Middle & Senior High Youth & Youth Choir.

Activities include: High Ropes, Teambuilding, Youth Choir Rehearsals, Campfire, Hiking, Youth Leadership Team, Great Friends & Food!

Look for retreat form coming soon in the mail. You may also find the form online at <http://unitedchurch.org/youth/> under the tab - "Mission Trips and Retreats".

Registration ends: Sunday, September 20.

Questions?

Contact us at office@unitedchurch.org.

Birth Announcement from David & Amber Crispell

We are excited to announce that Ezekiel Lin Crispell was born Friday morning, August 21, and weighed in at 8 lbs 13.5 oz. Named after the prophet Ezekiel, who was known for embodying his messages and his maternal grandfather Merlin who had a way of calmly standing his ground for what he believed, we hope and pray that 'God strengthens' (the literal translation of Ezekiel) Zeke to live up to his name!

Everyone is doing well, including big brother Asher, who likes to ask about 'Baby Eek!' Thank you to United Church for the prayers and well wishes, and we look forward to introducing Zeke in person in the near future.

SUPPORT PFLAG Triangle

PFLAG Triangle once again will sponsor a Signature Ad in the Independent Weekly in September 2015. This is their only fundraiser of the year, and these funds enable PFLAG to carry out its mission.

Their goal is to show that people across the Triangle support the LGBT community. We invite you to join United Church as a show of support. In previous years, over 200 individuals and families, faith communities, and organizations participated in this signature ad.

PFLAG-Triangle Signature Ad - September 2015

"We the undersigned affirm the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. We condemn acts of bigotry and hatred. We join PFLAG in celebrating the lives of those we love and admire; acceptance and love ... family values for a lifetime."

Our listing will show our denomination and the name of our church. We will also include a listing of our members as well. Please indicate how you'd like your name/family's name to appear.

Suggested Contribution:

- \$15 for each individual
- \$30 per family.

Please make checks out to United Church, and write "PFLAG Fundraiser" in subject line.

**Deadline for submission to United Church of-
fice Sunday, September 13.**

If you want to support as an individual please contact PFLAG directly:

PFLAG-Triangle
PO Box 51776
Durham, NC 27717

Email: burtrauch@gmail.com
919-767-9010

Music Ministry Kick-Off

UCCH music groups are gearing up for 2015-2016. Fall is a great time to make a new gift of time and talent to your church, and what better way than joining a music group?

Come join for service to your church and stay for fun, fellowship and fulfillment!

CHANCEL CHOIR *has resumed rehearsals* Wednesdays (7:30 pm)

The Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:30-9:15 pm, and sings most Sundays at the 11 am service. The only requirements for choir membership are a love of singing, a commitment to regular attendance and the desire to connect with fellow singers. Members form a supportive group of singers who enjoy fellowship with each other as much as they enjoy singing together.

In addition to rehearsals, all new and continuing members are invited to our **kick-off pool party** on September 12 at 4 pm.

CHAMBER SINGERS *has resumed* *rehearsals - Thursdays (7:30 pm)*

The Chamber Singers, under the direction of Milo Fryling, resumed rehearsals on Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 pm in the Music Room. Contact Raleigh Mann, rmann1@nc.rr.com for more information.

UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR Thursday, Sept 10 (7 pm at UCCH) Thursday, Sept 17 (7 pm at Fisher)

UVoP, directed by Charles Bradshaw, is a gospel choir whose members come from area churches. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays once or twice a month. UVoP will sing at the 8:45 am service on Sunday, September 20. New members are always welcome!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR Sunday, September 13 (9 am)

Children in K through 5th grade are warmly welcome to join Children's Choir! Children come to the 8:45 service with their families and then leave with directors Jenny Anderson and Bill Chicurel after the Children's Message. Rehearsals run approximately 9-9:55 am each Sunday morning.

The Children's Choir leads music in worship at the 8:45 service about once a month, usually on the first Sunday from October through May and during Children's Church.

YOUTH CHOIR Sunday, September 20 (12:45 pm)

All 5th through 12th graders are invited to join our Youth Choir. Rehearsals on first Sundays of the month will be 3:45-4:55, and on other Sundays, 12:45-1:45.

The Youth Choir will lead music in the 8:45 service once per month on the second Sunday from October through May, and in the Youth Vespers service at 5 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

Youth Choir will join the Youth Groups for their Fall Retreat on October 16-18 at Camp Caraway and have a **pool party** to kick off the year on September 26 at 4 pm.

VOICE for LIFE CLASSES Sunday, September 20 (1:45 pm)

Voice for Life, the Royal School of Church Music in America's curriculum for developing musicianship and church leadership, will meet the first Sundays of the month at 2:45 and other Sundays at 1:45.

VfL classes are open to anyone from 4th grade up. Children's and Youth Choir members who participate in VfL will have the opportunity to earn ribbons to wear when serving in the choir.

YOUTH & ADULT HANDBELL CHOIRS Monday, September 14 Bronze Voices (6 - 7:15 pm) Chancel Bells (7:15 - 8:30 pm)

Our two handbell choirs, open to middle school, high school and adult ringers, will rehearse on Mondays. Bronze Voices, which plays Level 3 to 5 music and is directed by Dan Harder, rehearses on Mondays 6 to 7:15 pm. Chancel Bells, which plays Level 2 to 3 music and is directed by Jenny Anderson, rehearses 7:15-8:30 pm.

Prior ringing experience is not required for either group, as both groups teach ringing techniques. Music-reading skills are taught in Chancel Bells rehearsals. New ringers should speak with Jenny Anderson to determine best placement for ringing success. Whether you are an accomplished musician or a novice, consider getting involved in this fun and rewarding musical experience. Occasional handbell subs are needed! If you have ringing experience but can't play on a regular basis please get your name on our sub list!

BROADWAY SINGS POSTPONED

The Broadway Sings shows originally scheduled for October 9 and 11 have been postponed due to illness of the director. The new date has not yet been set. If you would like to receive email updates on the rescheduling of this show, please contact Jenny Anderson (janderson@unitedchurch.org).

TAIZÉ 2015

Taizé Services: These are ecumenical meditative services of music, prayer, readings, and silent meditation in the tradition of the Taizé Community in France. Mark your calendars for these special services:

Sunday, September 20 (7 pm)
Sunday, October 25 (7 pm)
Sunday, November 29 (7 pm)



*Musical opportunities abound at UCCH. Whether you are a singer, pianist, guitarist, string or wind player, drummer, or other, there is a place for you here.
Contact Jenny Anderson at janderson@unitedchurch.org for more information.*

Upcoming Concerts

"Triple Delight" Concert Friday, September 11 (7:30 pm)

Join us for a chamber music concert "Triple Delight" at United Church. Trios by Beethoven, Klughardt and Herzogenberg will be featured. Performers are Glenn Mehrbach, piano, Judy Konanc, oboe, Tim Dyess, horn, Kitty Stalberg, viola and Paul Verderber, bassoon.

The concert is a benefit event for the "Help Somebody's Kid" rainy day loan fund which helps people with severe and persistent mental illness in times of financial crisis. The fund is administered by Mental Health America of the Triangle.

"Keyboards Concert from the Bench" Saturday, November 14 (2 pm)

Featuring favorites from all genres played by children, youth, adults, middle-aged-back-to-the-benchers, once-upon-a-timers, and other folks who love to play piano, organ, perhaps the accordion... pick your keys (and key)!



We're looking for YOU:
keyboard players of all ages and abilities.

Solos, duets, and family/intergenerational selections are encouraged!

This concert will benefit a good cause: UCCH Keyboards Fund.

If you want to participate, please contact Julie Mitchell via email (mitchcomm@nc.rr.com), or cell/text (440-227-1827) to participate. Select a short piece to play (we want to feature as many players as possible).