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Sunday, March 4 - Third Sunday of Lent

8:45 & 11 am Worship - Sanctuary
9 am Children's Musical Rehearsal - Music Room
10 am Sunday School for all ages

For adults:

Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall
Sacred Conversation on Race - Room 235
Spiritual Growth - Conference Room
Faith and Family - Family Parlor
20s & 30s Group - Room 229

For children:

Pre-K- Room 124
Kindergarten-Room 123,
1st-2nd Grade -Room 119
3rd Grade- Room 122
4th-5th grade -Room 111

For youth:

Confirmation Class - Room 161
Middle School - Youth Lounge
Sr High - Room 163

11 am Youth Groups - Youth Lounge
11:15 am La Mesa - Assembly Hall
12:15 pm Mental Health Support Group - Room 256

Monday, March 5

12 pm Monday Noon Book - Library
6 pm Bronze Voices - Music Room
7 pm UVoP Rehearsal - Fisher Memorial Church
7:15 pm Chancel Bells - Music Room
7:15 pm Women's Group - Library

Tuesday, March 6

12:30 pm UCCH Knitting Group - Family Parlor
6 pm Fellowship Board - Family Parlor

Wednesday, March 7

7 am Bible Study - Library
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Book Study - Assembly Hall
7:30 pm Chancel Choir - Music Room

Thursday, March 8

5 pm UCCH serves dinner at IFC Community Kitchen
7 pm Advocacy Letter Writing Group - Conference Rm
7:30 pm Chamber Singers - Music Room

Friday, March 9

9:15 am Yoga - Fellowship Hall
11 am Meditation Group - Library



This Week - March 4, 2018

Today at United Church

Worship at 8:45 and 11 am

Today is Rev. Nick Carter's last Sunday with us as acting pastor for Worship and Stewardship. His sermon "What do these stones mean?" is based on a reading of Joshua 4:1-9. He will explore the subjects of 'legacy' and 'remembering.' Music: 8:45 Commas, Bronze Voices Handbells; 11:00 Chancel Choir, Bronze Voices Handbells.

Youth March for Our Lives Interest Meeting (9 am, Youth Lounge)

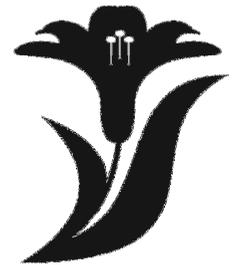
Youth are leading the way, launching a renewed national movement for gun reform. At the request of UCCH's senior high youth leaders (Youth Leadership Team), we are hatching a plan to send our youth to March for Our Lives in Washington DC., on March 24. This is an incredible moment for our youth to put their faith into action, and it will take a village to bring this plan to life! We are calling all potential chaperones and parents of interested youth to join us for this planning meeting. Contact Katherine Henderson (khenderson@unitedchurch.org) with any input or offers of support!

Adult Forum (10 am, Fellowship Hall) - Join us in thanking Nick Carter for his ministry in worship, stewardship and leadership.

We say "thank you" to Rev. Carter for his service to UCCH during our pastoral transition as Acting Pastor of Worship and Stewardship. His extensive experience in ministry and administration has been invaluable in supporting our congregation and staff during this time of transition. Join us in saying "thank you" this morning.

Youth Group (11 am, Youth Lounge)

Join us downstairs in the youth lounge for our LAST creative session for Youth Church! Come express yourself through art, music, drama, poetry, prayers, and sermon writing. After this week we will begin assembling all your creations into our Youth Church service, with our first walk-through on March 18. Throughout February, we've been busy creating our "Hope for Change" Youth Church, harnessing the creative power and wisdom of our young people, which we will share with the congregation on Sunday, April 15, at 11 am.



*The Third Sunday
of Lent*

La Mesa Worship (11:15 am, Assembly Hall)

A bilingual worship service led weekly by Reverend David Mateo.

Joining Today:

Wil Heflin

I was born and raised in Tuscumbia, AL, a town on the banks of the Tennessee River. Growing up an Episcopalian, I lived for our diocesan summer camp, Camp McDowell, even working there as a camp counselor for several summers. With my eventual wife Elisa (also from Tennessee), I attended Sewanee, a liberal arts university in east Tennessee, for undergrad. We moved to North Carolina in 2012 for graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill after six months of teaching English abroad in Baoding, China. I work for Carrboro-based Kalisher, an international art company. Since moving to the Triangle, I've become active in the local improv scene, performing and teaching improv throughout the area. I also enjoy writing and performing music, reading great books, baking with Elisa, staying active, and learning new skills. I found United Church because of the church's Moral Monday banners. I am excited about joining this church because of its progressive, active community work addressing injustices and caring for others from all walks of life.

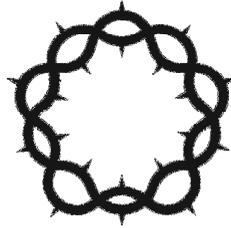
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Susan Steinberg at Shalem Institute training, March 6-11

Rev. Steinberg will attend the second of two residential trainings required for the "Transforming Community: Leading Contemplative Prayer Groups and Retreats" program she enrolled in last year. She will be back in the office on March 13.

Sunday, March 11

**Welcome
Reverend
Cameron Barr to
United Church!!**



*The Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

We are excited to announce that Rev. Barr's first day at the office will be Monday, March 5. He can now be reached by email at cbarr@unitedchurch.org.

On his first Sunday, he will preach at both the 8:45 and 11 am services. Music that Sunday: 8:45 Chancel Choir with Jennifer Potts, Alto Sax; Chancel Bells. 11:00 Chancel and Youth Choirs with Jennifer Potts, Alto Sax; Chancel Bells.

La Mesa will join the 11 am service and will not meet in the Assembly Hall.

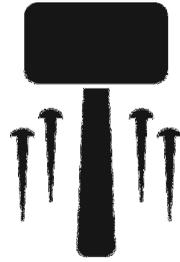
At both 10 am and noon Coffee Hours, there will be an extravagant welcome reception for Cameron and Jackson! We invite you to contribute to this welcome by bringing your favorite finger food to share. Ideas include:

- Fruit plates, grapes, berries, cut apples, oranges or melon
- Raisins or other dried fruit
- Veggie plates, carrots, celery or broccoli
- Cookies, chips or pretzels
- Crackers and cheese
- Pastries or other baked goodies

Along these lines, the children of the church are creating a "Welcome" banner and making greeting cards. If you, too, would like to offer a card or gift card, there will be baskets in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 11, to receive them. You can also drop your card by the church office.

Sunday, March 18

Worship at 8:45 and 11 am
Rev. Cameron Barr is preaching. Music: 8:45 United Voices of Praise; String Ensemble; 11:00 Chamber Singers, String Ensemble



*The Fifth Sunday
of Lent*

Adult Forum (10 am, Fellowship Hall)
United Church of Chapel Hill has been supporting LGBTQ+ groups in Honduras since 2014. The 2017 team will be presenting the report of achievements and other activities from the last trip.

Mystery Pal Party (The BIG Reveal), (10 am, Assembly Hall)

The Mystery Pal Party has been rescheduled from March 11 to March 18 to allow for everyone to come to Pastor Cameron's welcoming activities. On March 18 we will gather at 10:00 AM in the Assembly Hall where everyone will get to meet their Mystery Pal. The party will last until 10:50 at which time we will need to clean-up and set up the Assembly Hall for La Mesa worship. Contact Ron Johnson (rgj5823@yahoo.com) with questions.

Youth Group (11 am, Youth Lounge)

La Mesa Worship (11:15 am, Assembly Hall)
La Mesa is a bilingual worship service of United Church to enhance the diversity, spirituality and faith of people in a radically welcoming and inclusive space where the table of the Lord becomes the sacred meeting space. Led weekly by Reverend David Mateo.

There will be a potluck luncheon following the La Mesa service.

Camp-Bells

SAVE THE DATE -
"Camp-Bells"
*Children's Handbell Week
July 9-13 and July 15*



All children and youth are invited to join the fun at "Camp-Bells," our annual handbell camp for children and youth. The camp meets Monday to Friday from 9 am to noon, and is open to rising 1st through 12th graders. Campers will be placed in graded handbell choirs, and each choir will learn a song to present in worship the following Sunday, July 15. Campers will enjoy other activities each morning, as well as outdoor time and a snack.

We are fortunate to add David Murphy, Director of Chancel Bells and Bronze Voices, and Anitra Grove, Director of Children's Ministries, to this year's staff, along with Jenny Anderson and others. Registration forms will be available soon. Be sure you save this week for lots of fun and learning!

Greater Community Activism

Now registering:
**BREAD FOR THE WORLD NC
ANNUAL CONVENTION**
Saturday, April 7 (8:30 am - 3:30 pm)
St. Philip's Episcopal Church,
403 E. Main St., Durham, NC
Spiritual Politics: Resisting the Impending Hunger Crisis. Keynote Speaker: Michael A. Becketts, Assistant Secretary for Human Services at the North Carolina Dept. of Health and Human Services and former Director of Durham County Department of Social Services.

To register:
<https://spiritualpolitics.eventbrite.com>

For more info:
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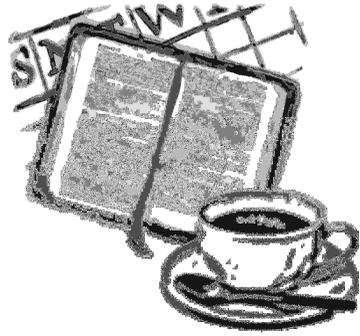
Children's Book Drive

Our Children's Place is hosting Parents Day at Orange Correctional Center on April 7. As part of the day, we want to donate books for the children and their fathers to read together. And then the kids get to take home as many as they like.

Target Books:
Ages 2-15, any topic but not religious, gently used or new. Books with or about diversity would be especially welcome.

Please give any donations directly to Janet Flowers or place them in the box near the office hallway entrance.

Thank you for your support of the families directly affected by incarceration.



Bible Study & Coffee

On Wednesday mornings from 7 to 8 am in the church library, join our Bible Study Group to read and reflect on Sunday's Bible texts.

Wednesday, March 7 we discuss:

Mar. 11 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

~John 3:14-15

Wednesday, March 14 we discuss:

Mar. 18 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

Jesus proclaims that the hour of his passion and death has come.

Wednesday, March 21 we discuss:

Mar. 25 - 6th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

Jesus eats the Last Supper with his disciples before his betrayal, arrest, trial and death.

This Week's Library Column

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

- Borg, M.J., & Crossan, J.D. Monday. In *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, p31-53. 232.9 Bor L
- Evans, C.A. Did Jesus anticipate his death? In *Jesus, the Final Days: What Really Happened*, p9-13. 232.9 Eva J
- Aslan, R. Zeal for your house. In *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, p73-79. 232.9 Asl Z
- Montefiore, S.S. Jesus of Nazareth: Three days in Jerusalem. In *Jerusalem: A Biography*, p104-109. 956 Seb J
- Brueggemann, W. Duty as delight and desire: Preaching obedience that is not legalism. In *The Covenanted Self: Explorations in Law and Covenant*, p35-47. 230 Bru C
- Oden, T.C. No other gods. In *I Am the Lord Your God: Christian Reflections on the Ten Commandments*, p41-54. 241.5 Bra I
- Hedges, C. *Losing Moses on the Freeway: The 10 Commandments in America*. 241.5 Hed L
- Kirsch, J. The ten words. In *Moses: A Life*, p246-250. 222.9 Kir M
- Buber, M. The covenant. In *Moses: The Revelation and the Covenant*, p110-118. 221.9 Bub M
- Levine, A.-J. Covenant and Law, Parts I and II. In *The Old Testament, Part I*. A/V 221.6 Lev O Pt. 1 DVD

A volunteer will be available in the library, 10:00-11:00, to assist you in finding these materials or other items of interest to you. At other times, please serve yourself.

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

Worship at 8:45 and 11 am

Rev. Susan Steinberg is preaching. Music: 8:45 Children and Youth Choirs; Brass Ensemble; 11:00 Chancel Choir; Brass Ensemble



No Sunday School for Youth & Children

Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event (10 am, Fellowship Hall)

Children, youth and their families, and volunteers of all ages, are invited to help assemble 10,000 Rise Against Hunger dinners for international communities living in dire poverty. These packaged meals are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries.

La Mesa Worship (11:15 am, Assembly Hall)

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Holy Week & Easter Sunday
Mark your calendars & stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Good Friday

5 pm Good Friday Family Service

This family-friendly, contemplative service is a modified version of the traditional form of the Stations of the Cross. The congregation will travel to six stations around the church to mark and recall the last days of Jesus' life. Along our journey we will listen to stories, sing hymns and say our prayers.

7:30 pm Good Friday Taizé Worship Service

This Good Friday service will be quiet and meditative, organized around congregational singing from the liturgies of the Taizé Christian Community, an international and interdenominational community based in the village of Taizé in southern France.

Easter Sunday, April 1

7 am Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

7:30 to 8:30 am Easter Breakfast
**Cooked and served with love* by the Fellowship Board*

8:45 am Easter Sunday Service

10 am Easter Congregational Potluck Brunch

11 am - Easter Sunday Service

11:15 am La Mesa Easter Service

One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Sunday Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be on Easter Sunday. The stories shared here in the next few weeks are but a sampling of lives changed.

Teamwork and Program Support Improve Conditions in this Remote Mountain Community

Two participants from a remote mountain community tell what your support has meant to them:

Señora Maira: A community like ours, way up in the mountains, doesn't get a lot of organizations that come this far away to help us. At first, it was not easy for us to trust, and many, including myself, were skeptical. Gradually, we learned to trust more in the technicians who came, and started to take their recommendations very seriously. Since I became involved I've learned better ways to manage my vegetable garden, and new things about the vegetables I produce, both the ones we were familiar with and the ones new to us. Many of my neighbors and I improved our homes with energy-efficient stoves, latrines and water-storage facilities. Also, the floor of my house is now made of cement.

Señor Anacleto: We are a small community with very bad roads. For these reasons, the government paid little attention to us. During the rainy season we see landslides everywhere, and the river becomes very dangerous. However, God has always been with us, like the day our community participated in an assessment of local capacity and needs followed by training to discuss and learn how to help our farmers here who mostly do subsistence agriculture.

Gradually, we learned new techniques for basic grain, coffee, and plantain production, and focused on diversifying our farms. We have more food for consumption, and surplus to sell. We also learned better ways to care for our chickens, which are very important in our diet. We appreciate the work and commitment to helping us improve our community. We've made our houses safer for ourselves and our children. We now have energy-efficient stoves, bio-digesters, cement floors, and cisterns to catch and store rainwater. We came together as a community to build a new, solid, pedestrian bridge over the river. It was very dangerous to use the old bridge, especially for children going to school on the other side. Before we built the new bridge, we were completely isolated many times during the rainy season because there was no safe way to cross the river. So now we are happy because our children are safe and able to continue their education without interruption.

We all made a contribution to each improvement as a community. But our thanks goes to the contribution of Foods Resources Bank's Honduras-Nueva Frontera program, and their staff, supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Their support is reducing poverty and improving nutrition and food security by managing natural resources in a sustainable manner.



Monday Night Women's Group

On Monday, March 5 - Women's Group will meet at 6:30 pm for dinner at Magone's Italian in Timberlyne Shopping Center.

On Monday, March 12 - at 7 pm Women's Group will watch the documentary, "Booker Wright: A Mississippi Story". We will meet in Youth Room, lower level at west end of building

On Monday, March 19 - Women's Group will meet at 7:15 pm in the church library and begin discussing "Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces that Keep Us Apart" by Christina Campbell.

All women are invited to join us.



Wednesday Night Book Study

My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies

Wednesday, March 7, 14, 21, and 28
(6:30 pm, Library)

Facilitated by Kathy Murray and Fred Joiner

In order to understand and manage the racial tensions of the day, it's important to understand the deep, implicit stress and trauma that is lodged in people's nervous systems. These account for automatic thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and disturbing behaviors. The book we will be reading is *My Grandmother's Hands, Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menaken. It examines racism from the perspective of traumatic stress.

Copies are available from the church for \$15 a copy.

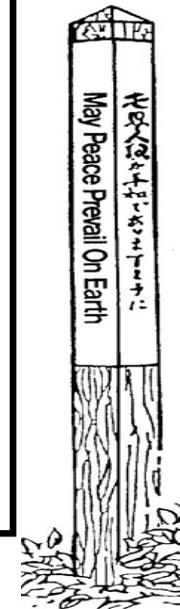
Parking at church on Sundays

Since we do not have additional parking spaces next to a sidewalk leading directly inside that qualify to be labeled as "handicap parking," we designated three bays of "Priority Parking" (the blue signs) across from the exterior doors of the church.

Please help us keep these close-in spaces available for people who must park near an entrance.

Additional parking on Sunday mornings is available from Homestead Drive, next to IFC Community House.

Thank you!



Happy moments,
Praise God.
Difficult moments,
Seek God.
Quiet moments,
Worship God.
Painful moments,
Trust God.
Every moment,
Thank God.