



This Week - June 3, 2018

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Today at United Church

Worship at 8:45 and 11 am. Rev. Cameron Barr preaching. Music: 8:45: The Commas with Baxter Henderson, violin; Bronze Voices Handbells; 11 am: The Commas; Chancel Choir, Bronze Voices Handbells

La Mesa (11:15 am, Assembly Hall) Bilingual worship service in English and Spanish led by Rev. David Mateo.

Pig-Pickin' (end-of-year celebration)
Serving from 10 am to 1 pm

Summer softball begins today.
See page 4 for more information.

Bronze Voices Concert Tomorrow Night...

Please join UCCH Bronze Voices for a special concert of traditional handbell compositions, hymn and spiritual arrangements and even a medley of songs from the Broadway musical, *Les Miserables!*

This event will be presented on **Monday, June 4, at 7:30 pm at Carolina Meadows, 100 Carolina Meadows, Chapel Hill, NC.**

In addition to the presentation of favorite songs, Bronze Voices will offer opportunities for questions and answers.

We look forward to you joining us!

Pilgrimage of Truth and Justice

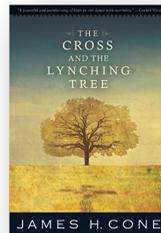
Registration is now open for our church-wide pilgrimage to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 3-5.

The purpose of this journey is to acknowledge the living legacy of white supremacy in our country, learn the history of white racial violence in our state from Reconstruction to Jim Crow, and confess our participation in the systems and structures of racial oppression. The pilgrimage is centered on a visit to the recently opened memorial to victims of lynching.

Our preparations will involve Wednesday evening study throughout the summer.

Participants will be asked to commit to reading two books,

- *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20) by the black liberation theologian James Cone, and
- *Just Mercy* (Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25), the memoir of Bryan Stevenson, the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.



We will also familiarize ourselves with EJI reports on racial violence and explore the history of lynching in our own community.

The Cross and the Lynching Tree is now available on the table outside the Family Parlor for \$23.

Please join Pastor Cameron at 6 pm on Wednesday, June 6, to begin our study in preparation for the pilgrimage.

Worship and Events

Summer Worship hours begin Sunday, June 10

Join United Church this summer for an extended journey through the life and legacy of David, the most (in)famous king of Israel. We'll explore the real David - not just the virtuous character sanitized for Sunday school. The biblical David was truly handsome and poetic. But a darker side of his character is foreshadowed in the prophecy of Samuel, who predicts that Israel's king will eventually take the nation's treasure for his own, send the nation's sons off to war, and take advantage of the women on his court. We'll see how David succeeds his rival Saul to the throne and establishes a new capital in Jerusalem. But what will David do with the power that he acquires? What consequences will his actions have for his subjects and for his family? And what does his story have to say about our time? Could David's story shed any light on our polarized politics? And might it have anything to say about our community's unresolved racial history? To find out...don't miss church this summer:

- Worship at 9:30 am
- Coffee Hour 10:30 to 11:15 am
- UCCH Art Show Reception 10:30 am
- La Mesa Worship at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 17

- Worship at 9:30 am
- 10:30 am Guest author and artist Shelly Hehenberger will be here for a book signing of *Even a Leaf: A Book about the Gift of Life*.
- La Mesa Worship at 11:15 am

Saturday, June 23 (9:30 am to 12 pm)

Conversation with Rev. Justo Gonzalez, in celebration of UCCH's 25 years of being Open and Affirming

Sunday, June 24 - Celebrating 25 Years Open and Affirming Celebration

- Worship at 9:30 am - Rev. Justo Gonzalez preaching
- La Mesa Worship at 11:15 am

Summary of the Church Council Meeting May 22, 2018

Financial:

Trustees will continue to monitor the finances and will do a midyear review concerning the deficit between the budget and pledges.

Board Updates:

- Fellowship- The Pig Pickin' is Sunday, 6/3.
- Children's -The year wrapped up with Children's service and ice cream. They are excited to help with Hand Bells Camp this summer.
- Youth - The final event was a BarBQ which was well attended. Johns River Camp is in June.
- Trustees- The Trustees continue to monitor the financial situation. Recent building maintenance included replacing the hot water heater. They are reviewing policies such as financial and building use.
- BJOS- BJOS had a meeting of the current board and incoming members. They would like to continue the Justice Summit.
- Deacons- The Deacons are investigating revitalizing the Faithfully Assessable Committee and Bereavement Services.

Personnel

The Council approved the selection of Ian McPherson as Youth and Young Adult Pastor.

All boards are moving forward with nominations for new members.

The next Congregational meeting is Tuesday June 5, 2018. We will vote on the new board members. (see page 3.)

The next Council meeting is Tuesday June 26, 2018.

~Nancy Siebens, Clerk

CALL TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Tuesday, June 5, at 6 pm
Dinner at 5:45 pm, followed by meeting**

United Church members,

All members are invited to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have elected to hold the meeting during the week to allow time for several topics to be discussed.

Our September 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala team will be providing the meal as a fundraiser for the trip, with food from Central America and cheese quesadillas for the kids.

The agenda for this meeting will be:

- Receive the Annual Report: *A limited number of 2017-2018 UCCH Annual Reports have been printed and are on the table with the books outside the Family Parlor. The full report was made available for download through Tuesday's enews. The church office will make more copies of the report upon request.*
- Vote on new officers and Board members
- Install new officers and Board members
- Update on staff roles and responsibilities
- Revision of the UCCH Bylaws: a draft of the proposed bylaws changes will be distributed next week for your review.

We plan to have dinner prior to the meeting - with kid-friendly fare. Childcare and "MOVIE NIGHT" will be available for children to allow parents to attend the meeting.

We look forward to your presence with us in this important time.

Your moderators,
Alecia Brower and Gaylen Brubaker

UCCH Movie Night for Kids Calling all United Church kids:

Join us on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 pm
for a movie night while your parents are
participating in the church's annual meeting.

We'll be streaming "Coco" -
2018 Oscar winning animated film.



CALLING ALL UKULELE PLAYERS

We are planning to organize a multi-generational United Church ukulele orchestra to play in worship on August 19. If you would like to get involved, please attend an organizational meeting on June 7 at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Jenny Anderson, janderson@unitedchurch.org.

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The weather has warmed up, so it is time to get ready for softball! Church League Softball is a set of seven churches in the local area that get together for some casual (there are no umpires as the base coaches serve as the umpires) games on Sunday afternoons at Homestead Park in Chapel Hill starting Sunday June 3.

June Schedule:

- June 3: 2 pm vs. Orange Methodist Field 1
- June 10: 4 pm v. St. Thomas More, Field 2
- June 17: 4 pm v. Community Church, Field 2
- June 24: 2 pm v. Church of the Holy Family, Field 1

Softball skills are useful but certainly not required - you just need a willingness to have fun. The only restriction is that you have to be at least 13 years old (thus, it is open to boys, girls, men and women). There are no dues/fees, so just bring a glove (we have a few gloves that can be borrowed) and come out a join us when you are available (nobody plays every Sunday with vacations and other commitments). To find out more and be added to the softball email list, please contact Bob Sielken at 919-260-6817 or rsielken@alumni.virginia.edu.



UCCH Artists show May – June 2018

If you want to purchase a work of art on display in the Fellowship Hall, please see artists booklet in Fellowship Hall or contact artist for pricing:

- Natalie Boorman
hickorygroveart@mindspring.com
(portion of proceeds to go to 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala)
- Cindy Geary – cwaszak@mindspring.com
- Shirley Geissinger – sgeissin@ad.unc.edu
- Lew Graham – lewraine@gmail.com
- Denise Laux – deniselaux@aol.com
- Shirley McConahay – 919-475-2013
- Rinnie Orr – sistersunni@gmail.com
(portion of proceeds to go to 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala)
- David Otto – daveotto41@att.net
- Dennis Pagano – Lpagano48@gmail.com
- Michael Pause – mkpause@gmail.com
- David Taylor – onlydtaylor@gmail.com
- Holly Taylor – hollietaylorart@icloud.com
- Nancy Vrooman – nvrooman13@gmail.com

**Art Show reception
Sunday, June 10 at 10:30 am.**

Come meet the UCCH artists!

Small Groups and Ministry Opportunities at United Church

OPEN & AFFIRMING MINISTRIES

Contact David Mateo at dmateo@unitedchurch.org

PRISON MINISTRY

Contact:
• Janet Flowers Janet_Flowers@unc.edu
• Gates Vrooman gatesvrooman@gmail.com

EARTH MINISTRIES

Contact:
• David Mateo, dmateo@unitedchurch.org
• Alan Reed at alanreed@nc.rr.com.

SANCTUARY CHURCH MOVEMENT

If you are interested in learning more, please contact David Mateo, dmateo@unitedchurch.org.

ADVOCACY LETTER WRITING GROUP 2nd Thursdays (7 pm, Conference Room)

Contact Kathleen Shapley-Quinn, kshapq@gmail.com.

HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

MAKE a casserole for our casserole freezer

BRING food offerings on Sunday morning for the IFC Food Pantry.

BECOME a server - To be on our meal-serving team for IFC Community Kitchen and Homestart, email an inquiry to Rinnie in the church office, office@unitedchurch.org to be added to our monthly volunteer sign-up list.

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP

(Mondays at 7:15 pm, Library)

- May 28: no meeting of Women's Group
- June 4: conclude discussion of *Why Buddhism is True*, focusing on Chapters 10, 11, 12 & 13
- June 11: meet for dinner at 6:30 pm at Mellow Mushroom, 310 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Parking is available behind the restaurant, off Rosemary Street.
- June 18: Women's Group will meet at 7:15 pm in the church library and begin discussing *Way of Love: Recovering the Heart of Christianity* by Norman Wirzba.

MONDAY NOON BOOK CLUB

(Mondays at 12 pm, Library)

We will continue this summer under leadership of Nancy Duffner and Tomee Howard. We are reading Richard Rohr's book *Eager to Love*.

QUILTS OF LOVE - A service project for quilters at United Church

(1st Thursdays of the month, Art Studio)

Contact Denise Laux at 919-903-9256.

YOGA (Fridays at 9:15 am, Assembly Hall)

Contact Kathy Shea, tkmjshea@mindspring.com.

MEDITATION GROUP (Fridays at 11 am, Library)

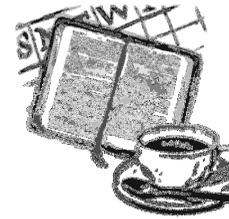
Contact Louise Pagano, lpagano48@gmail.com.

20'S/30'S GROUP AT UNITED CHURCH (Sundays, twice a month, 10 am, Room 229)

Contact Cassie Miller, cassandra.leigh.miller@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP (Sundays, twice a month, 12:15 pm, Room 256)

Contact Diane Whitney, dwhitne2@gmail.com.



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. It's early, but we make the coffee. Join us!

Readings for Wed. June 6:
10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, June 10
1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Casseroles for Youth Choir

The youth will be going to Montreat Music and Worship conference on June 17-23. They would like to go with your blessings - and with your casseroles! Both of these things will sustain these young people through an intensive week of improving their skills as musicians and worship leaders!

If you plan to contribute a casserole please email Jenny Anderson so she knows to expect it. Then take one of our casserole pans (the size used for the IFC), fill it with your favorite recipe, freeze it and return it to the church freezer by June 15. Please mark on it "Youth Choir" and include a brief description of contents and heating instructions.

The Youth Choir has been filled and blessed by your gifts of casseroles for the last two years and they are already looking forward to delicious meals that await them this year at Montreat. They thank you in advance for your support and your blessings!

"Camp-Bells" July 9-13 and July 15

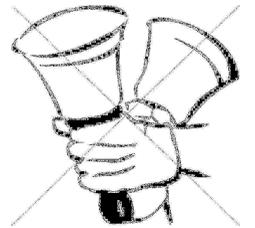
We're getting really excited about this summer's handbell camp, "CampBells." We plan to have groups to meet the needs of all children and youth: NotaBells for younger elementary, IncrediBells for upper elementary/lower middle school, and Bellissimo for middle school and high school. We welcome our director of our two handbell choirs, David Murphy, a seasoned and skilled ringer/director, who is very excited to bring this fun and rewarding musical team activity to the next generation of ringers! Our Director of Children's Ministries, Anitra Grove, will offer an activity period for each group to complement their ringing activities. Other staff include Jenny Anderson and James Rice, both seasoned CampBells instructors.

CampBells will meet July 9-13, 9am to noon, and all groups will ring in the 9:30 service on June 15. The cost is a low \$25 for the week, and...

registration is now online at <https://goo.gl/forms/c2USPL4VaK4BX7Zq2>

Partial and full scholarships are available for any who need financial assistance.

The CampBells instructors look forward to welcoming your child and experiencing a meaningful week of fun and learning with them! (Questions? Contact Jenny Anderson - janderson@unitedchurch.org)



HOSTS NEEDED FOR VISITING GERMAN CHOIR IN JULY

This July our Youth Choir will be hosting Vivida Banda, the Youth Choir from St. Peters Church, Weinheim, Germany, and we need hosts! St Peters hosted our Chancel Choir for a concert in their beautiful sanctuary back in 2014, and we are eager to return their hospitality. I hope you will become a part of this continuing friendship between our two churches!

The group will arrive Friday, July 27, around 6 pm, and leave early Tuesday morning, July 31. The host families will be asked to provide:

- Bed or mattress for 4 nights
- The following meals at home: dinner Friday, breakfasts Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues; lunch Saturday and Sunday
- A contribution to a group potluck dinner on Saturday or Monday
- The following rides: to and from designated meeting point each day; to the Durham Bulls stadium by 4 pm Sunday with pick-up at the Bulls Stadium 8:30 pm
- A Saturday afternoon outing of your choice for your guests
- A warm welcome, fellowship, and lots of English conversation practice for our visitors!

Jenny Anderson is organizing the host families, and would like to add your name to the list! Please email her (janderson@unitedchurch.org) and she will let you know what information she needs from you.

FROM THE LIBRARY

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

- Wright, T. Teachings on the Sabbath [and] Healing of the man with the withered hand. In *Mark for Everyone*, p25-32. 226.7 Wri M
- Myers, C. The first direct action campaign: Jesus' assault on the Jewish social order in Capernaum. In *Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus*, p137-168. 226.7 Mye B
- Jacobsen, D.S. Preaching the Gospel, but not without opposition. In *Mark*, p44-55. 226.7 Jac M
- Crossan, J.D. God and the ambiguity of power. In *God & Empire: Jesus against Rome, Then and Now*, p49-95. 261.7 Cro G
- Heyward, C. Speaking with authority. In *Saving Jesus from Those Who Are Right: Rethinking What It Means to Be Christian*, p31-54. 232 Hey S
- Borg, M.J. Thin places: Opening the heart. In *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, p149-163. 230 Bor H
- Postema, D. Sabbath as mindfulness. In *Catch Your Breath: God's Invitation to Sabbath Rest*, p18-26. 263 Pos C
- Wheatley, M.J. When do I experience sacred? In *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*, p130-146. 177 Whe T
- Levine, A.-J. Samuel and Saul. In "The Old Testament," Lecture 15. A/V 221.6 Lev O Pt2 DVD
- Chittister, J. Learning to hear the call. In *Following the Path: The Search for a Life of Passion, Purpose, and Joy*, p61-67. 248.4 Chi F

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.

Please join me in thanking all the volunteers who staffed the library during the year: Susan Baker, Betsy Crittenden, Linda DeJongh, Rebecca Honeycutt, Shelby McLennan, and Kas Sielken. Each has made a contribution to this UCCH ministry.

Calendar June 3 - 10

Sunday, June 3

- 8:45 & 11 Worship - Sanctuary
- 10 am Pig-pickin' - Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am La Mesa y Cafe - Assembly Hall
- 12:15 am La Mesa Committee - Assembly Hall
- 2 pm Ambassadors rehearsal - Assembly Hall

Monday, June 4

- 12 pm Monday Book Group - Library
- 7:15 pm Women's Group - Library

Tuesday, June 5

- 5:45 UCCH dinner & Annual Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 6 pm Video showing of "Coco" - Assembly Hall

Wednesday, June 6

- 7 am Bible Study - Library
- 6 pm *The Cross and Lynching Tree* Book Study - Assembly Hall

Thursday, June 7

- 9 am Quilts for Love - Art Studio
- 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting - Library

Friday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 10

- 9:30 am Summer Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall
(extended social time in the Assembly Hall)
- 11:15 am La Mesa y Cafe - Fellowship Hall
- 12:15 pm Mental Health Support Group - Room 256
- 2 pm Ambassadors Rehearsal - Assembly Hall



Friends,

We celebrate new things at United Church and say "goodbye" to our weekly publication of "This Week" as we know it. Next Sunday we will reveal our new bulletin and new look for news and announcements.

Peace and grace,
~The UCCH Church Office

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