

# Mt. Hope United Church of Christ

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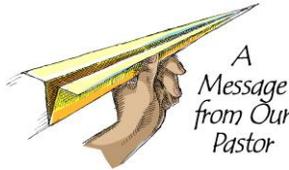
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# Mt. Hope Messenger

August, 2015



As a boy I used to sit by the Cherry River and throw stones into the water just to watch the ripples. It would start with a big “kerplunk” and the rings would spread and spread until the disappeared from view. I’d throw another stone. “Kerplunk”, more ripples, moving out and away. The only problem was that the ripples would only go so long until you had to throw another stone to get more ripples. As long as I threw the stones there were ripples. When I settled back to take it easy the ripples stopped.

160 plus years ago Mt. Hope Church was founded. Over those years there have been many people willing to throw the stones of faith into the life of the community around the church. Each generation threw its own stones and caused its own ripples that touched many lives down through the years.

What would have happened if one generation decided that they’d prefer to sit back and just enjoy the benefits of their labors? What if one generation decided that they’d thrown enough stones and it was time to just sit back for a while? The one thing that I learned from my time along the banks of the Cherry River was that when the stones stopped; the ripples stopped. When we get so caught up in ourselves that we stop throwing those stones of faith into the life of the world around us, we stop making those ripples that reach way out beyond ourselves and touch lives that we may not even see.

Think of the ripple that Jesus started. Think of the ripple that continued as the disciples picked up the task after Jesus’ death. Think of the ripple that continued as the new church started taking hold. That ripple has come all the way down to us. Now it’s our turn. Do we sit back and get wrapped up in ourselves, or do we continue to throw those stones?

Lloyd



Women's Fellowship

It is summer and there are no scheduled meetings of our circles, but the women of the church have remained busy baking, quilting, pickling, and other tasks of the season. The first big project of August for our congregation will be the fund raiser for Robert Mellinger. Thanks for all your participation.

On Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm there will be the annual District Meeting of the Guilford/Randolph Church Women of the Western North Carolina Association of UCC. This will be held at Peace UCC, 2714 West Market St. Greensboro. We will learn of upcoming events of UCC Women and there will be a presentation of this year's program material. If you would like to attend please let me know so that we can organize transportation.

Love and blessings to you all  
Elizabeth Craft



**Greensboro Urban Ministry:** Children are out of school now and Urban Ministry needs our help! Our August collection dates will be Sunday,

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and again on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Let's all donate a can or two or a jar of peanut butter and jelly to help build up the food bank. Sharing what we can will help to make a difference in the lives of others. For your convenience a basket has been placed in the Narthex for your donations. If you can't get to the store to buy something a container is there also for any monetary donations that you may wish to share. There are also containers in the breezeway. We pray God's blessings on all of us as we support this much needed ministry.

**Stewardship Committee:** The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee is set for 7:00 PM on August 4<sup>th</sup> in the Choir Room at Mount Hope UCC. We welcome visitors along with our committee members to our meetings. We are particularly interested in your good ideas relating stewardship and in how we can better support the mission of our church.

We have just had our second 2015 Hot Dog lunch this past July 18<sup>th</sup>. Our next hot dog lunch will be August 15<sup>th</sup> followed by more lunches on September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>. We continue to have lots of volunteers who assist us with our work. We just could not do it without our committee members and the many Mount Hope members and community volunteers who assist us. We thank you all for what you do for us.

We raised \$553 from the July lunch for Mount Hope's General Fund. We also urge the support of other needs in our community including our youth and the work with the Social Concerns Committee and their sponsorship of the Robert Mellinger benefit, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and Rock-A-Thon.

Our Committee members are: Gloria Apple, Dallas Belvin, Simon Clark, Bill Craft, Brenda Currie, Bennie Gerner, Cathy Gossett, Cliff Greeson, Becky Stafford.

Here are a few photos from our July luncheon:





**Congratulations Casey on being awarded the Marine Corps League Scholarship offered to Scouts.**

**You continue to make us proud!**



**High Lonesome Strings**

The August High Lonesome Strings monthly concert and jam session will take place here at Mt. Hope on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:30 in the afternoon. This concert will feature our own Bennie Gerner and his group followed by Linda and Company.



QUILTING GROUP

**Quilting Ladies:** Our Quilting Group has changed their meeting time. Instead of meeting every Wednesday, they are now meeting on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. Please feel

free to join them for a good time of fellowship. You may even just want to come to watch and learn!! All are welcome to join them.



**Time for school!!** Guilford County kids go back to school on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation!!



**Choir Reminder:** there will be a scheduled choir practice on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. After that, the choir and the handbell choir will both resume weekly practice on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm and 7:30 pm, respectively.

**MT. HOPE UCC HOT DOG LUNCH**  
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EAT IN – TAKE OUT 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**August 15, 2015**  
September 19, 2015  
October 17, 2015

**\$5.00 Luncheon Special**  
2 hot dogs  
snack bag of chips  
canned drink  
desserts (homemade peach cobbler)



**Thank you:** To My Church Family: thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, visits, food and other acts of kindness ..... and for your love and support during this difficult time. Love, Betty Tucker and family

**Thank You:** The family of Modine Friddle would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and other acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. We greatly appreciate

all the love and support expressed. Sincerely, L. B. Friddle and Family

**Thank You from the Celebration Singers:** Dear Rev. Spencer, On behalf of the Celebration Singers and our Director, Betty Settlemyre, I wish to thank you for your generous gift of \$606.00. It was such a pleasure singing for your very responsive Congregation and we would appreciate the opportunity to sing for you again. We also enjoyed talking to your members after the service and the lovely luncheon (which was a big topic of conversation with the Singers on the way home). Thank you again, Dr. Rosemary G. Fischer, pianist



**August Birthdays**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alayna Woollett
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tiffany Needham, Clay Warren
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bernice Shoffner
- 7<sup>th</sup> Donna Cauthren
- 9<sup>th</sup> Josh Anzaldua, John Deaton, Bob Lane III, Colton Underwood
- 11<sup>th</sup> Colby Arrington
- 12<sup>th</sup> Kim Sheffield
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Ingold
- 15<sup>th</sup> Lu Eller Ingold
- 16<sup>th</sup> Trevor Bolton
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Frances Jones, Susie Simpson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Greg Greeson
- 19<sup>th</sup> David Levens
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sylvia Gilliam, Tim Hucks, Linda Neese, Penny Perkins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Craft, John Dickson, Peggy Eller, Casey Ellis
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jo Ann Gauldin, Richard Knowles, Dalton Paul
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rachael Gossett
- 25<sup>th</sup> Glenda Slayton, Landon Woollett
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jaime Owen, Catherine Priesmeyer
- 28<sup>th</sup> Simon Clark, Alan Michaux

29<sup>th</sup> Sara Shue  
 30<sup>th</sup> Larry Greeson  
 31<sup>st</sup> Karen Kirkman



### August Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Haywood & Peggy Levens  
 E.C. & Inez Thornburg  
 11<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Nancy Bartenfield  
 Greg & Lisa Moser  
 14<sup>th</sup> Dewey & Jean Greeson  
 17<sup>th</sup> Max & Elaine Layton  
 19<sup>th</sup> Roger & Patty Coble  
 Donald & Linda Slayton  
 21<sup>st</sup> Jeff & Susan Holt  
 27<sup>th</sup> Cliff & Barbara Greeson  
 Gary & Brenda Greeson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Brian & Emily Neal  
 31<sup>st</sup> Michael & Faith Oakley



### August Events

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Mellinger Benefit  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collecting for Urban Ministry  
 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship – Communion  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
 6:30 p.m., Board of Christian Education  
 4<sup>th</sup> &:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee  
 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., High Lonesome Strings Jam  
 Session  
 9<sup>th</sup> Collecting for Urban Ministry  
 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship, Children’s Bible Story  
 Time  
 3:00 p.m., Ladies District Meeting  
 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters meet  
 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Consistory  
 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m., Hot Dog Luncheon  
 16<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters meet  
 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Evangelism Team

23<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 2:00 p.m., High Lonesome Strings Concert  
 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters meet  
 30<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters meet

### Does this hit the nail on head or not? And this is a young grandma!

This may surprise you.

#### How old is Grandma?

(Read this to the end-- quite an eye opener)

Stay with this -- the answer is at the end... It will blow you away.

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events.

The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before: television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There were no: credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not yet invented: pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together.

Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir." And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."

We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 &10-cent (5 and dime) stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day: "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and "software" wasn't even a word.

We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby.

We volunteered to protect our precious country.

No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.

How old do you think I am?

Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

Are you ready?????

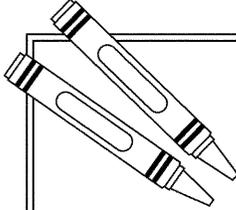
This woman would be only 63 years old.

She would have been born in late 1952.

GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

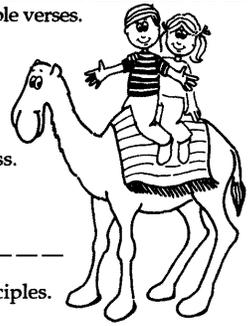
PASS THIS ON TO THE OTHER "OLD ONES."

BECAUSE THE YOUNG ONES WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT.



## Just for KIDS

It's time to think about your summer vacation. Imagine going to visit some Bible-time places!  
Read the description of each place. Choose a name from the list below. Check your answers in the Bible verses.



1. City where Jesus was born.  
Matthew 2:1  
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2. Made of cedar, olivewood, cypress.  
Covered inside with gold.  
Took seven years to build.  
1 Kings 6:1-37  
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3. Where Jesus prayed with His disciples.  
Mark 14:32  
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4. Place where Moses received the Ten Commandments.  
Exodus 19:20  
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5. Place where God placed Adam and Eve. Very beautiful.  
Genesis 2:15  
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6. A place where Jesus did much teaching and many events happened.  
Mark 7:31  
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<b>Word list</b>	Sea of Galilee Mount Sinai Garden of Eden	Garden of Gethsemane Solomon's Temple Bethlehem
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