

# Mt. Hope United Church of Christ

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Brenda Currie



# Mt. Hope Messenger

September, 2014



I love baseball! I always have and I always will. It seems that no matter what happens there are a number of people who will pay the money to go see a baseball game. Like anything else there are things about baseball that concern me. The salaries of ballplayers leave me cold, but I'll still watch them and cheer for them. Even after the American League sold out and went to the designated hitter I will watch them and cheer for them. There's a lot of room to make some good changes to baseball, but the things I'm concerned about most in baseball is the fans.

Far too many people consider baseball boring when there's not a home run every other bat. If people aren't hitting it to the wall or over the wall the fans start getting restless. What people are missing are the magnificent defensive plays. The bare-handed grab to throw someone out, the sliding catch to save a run, the slick double play, and the masterful pitching that leads to a no-hitter or even a perfect game are true reasons for celebration.

Far too many church people take their lead from the majority of baseball fans. They look for the church that keeps them excited. They look for the church that has the impressive numbers or the one that offers them what they want when they want it. The real question has to be: What are they missing? As a true "fan" of the church it is my hope that people look beyond the surface. The real power and beauty of the church isn't always the things you can see. Sometimes it's about what you feel or what you experience. The surface things can make you a "fan".

If you just look for the home run you might enjoy baseball. If you dig below the surface to all the other things that truly make it a game, that's when you become a fan. If you look at those things on the surface of the church you might enjoy the church. If you dig below the surface to all the things that really make a difference to the spirit then you truly become a "member" of the family. Like baseball, you have to get involved in the church enough to truly appreciate the things going on under the surface if you want it to really grab you and make a difference.

Lloyd

## **Mt. Hope United Church of Christ Consistory Minutes, June 12, 2014**

**Members Present:** Gloria Apple, Linda Ayers, Dallas Belvin, Bill Craft, Lloyd Gilliam, Cathy Gossett, Clifton Greeson, Bob Hamlet, Dora Moore, Cheryl Royal, Todd Chapmon, and Becky Stafford.

**Trustees Present:** Harden Phipps, Wesley Reece and Stephen Shue.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. A quorum was established and President Lloyd reviewed the proposed agenda.

**Devotions:** Linda Ayers talked about having patience in our faith and letting God lead us where he wants us to go.

### **Trustee's Report – Harden Phipps**

1. Harden stated that there was a hold-up in the balcony because the pipes for the heating unit had to be re-routed. The trustees were waiting for a change order from Jim Fields at Superior Mechanical.
2. Harden also stated that he had requested a meeting next week between the Trustees, Superior Mechanicals, controls contractor and Kay Heating regarding the issues on the completion of the contract agreement.

**Approve previous month's minutes:** The minutes from the May meeting were read and a motion was made and seconded that we approve the minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report – Bill Craft**

Bill Craft reported the May expenses as \$53,367.20 which included \$42,367.26 associated with the HVAC repair and already approved. These included payments of \$40,646 to Superior Mechanical as a partial payment and \$1,721.26 to WinRocSPI for insulation. These expenses were met from funds withdrawn from our parsonage CD. Offerings for the month of May totaled \$ 15711.20.

There was a discussion of how best to inform our membership about the status of our balance sheet, and the consistory supported making presentations in our Sunday School adult classes. The first discussions are expected to take an entire class period with periodic brief updates to follow. Becky Stafford, Dora Moore and Bill Craft are to offer to present May 2014 budget reports to each Adult Sunday School class in June and to answer budget-related questions. The motion to approve the budget was made and seconded.

### **Stewardship Committee – Bill Craft**

Bill reported that the Stewardship Committee didn't meet in May. He announced Brenda Currie will be having a Hot Dog Sale the third Saturday of each month starting in July. Their next meeting is scheduled June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Evangelism Committee – Dallas Belvin**

Dallas Belvin reported that the Evangelism committee met May 20<sup>th</sup> and discussed ways to draw attention to our church and bring in new members. Discussions centered around the development of a new brochure. Welcome bags for new members have been made by the Quilting Circle, Ruth Harris, Mary Catherine Moser, and Cynthia Morris and will be given out to new members once the materials have been selected. Connie Blakesley will check on printing prices of cups and pens to be included in the bags. Pastor Lloyd gave an overview of visitation from the May meeting.

### **Andy Open – Dallas Belvin**

Dallas announced that The Andy Open was a success and roughly had a profit of \$2,100. The money will be divided equally three ways: the General Fund, the Community Fund, and the Youth Fund. He praised all the hard work that everyone did to make this tournament a success.

### **Meals for Kids – Gloria Apple**

Gloria Apple reported that school was out and that they had their last backpack bagging in May. Signs are being worked on for the drop off window and any food items placed inside would be taken to Urban Ministry. In the fall plans for the Stop Hunger Now Program were being considered.

### **Pastor's Report – Reverend Spencer**

Lloyd announced that he will leave June 26<sup>th</sup> for Portsmouth, Virginia to attend the Annual Gathering of the UCC and would not be back on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday morning worship would be conducted by the Disciples Sunday school class and the Youth.

Lloyd stated that we had a lot of visitors during Homecoming Sunday and Marion Allison joined the church by acclamation.

It was noted that the church picnic would be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lake MacIntosh with transportation to be provided if needed.

### **Continuing Business:**

**Teaching the teachers the Safe Church Policy –**  
Lloyd Gilliam

Lloyd Gilliam announced the sessions for the Safe Church Policy will be conducted in July for teachers that had not taken the course.

### **A Journey of Faith** – Lloyd Gilliam

We have not received a date when the digitized version of the Mount Hope book “*A Journey in Faith*” will be available.

### **Van Update** (Training, Storage, Lettering on Van) – Clifton Greeson

Training will begin as soon as a date is set for Cathy Gossett, Janet Ellis and Jeryl Apple.

**Storing the church van** – Gloria and Jeryl Apple are donating a carport for the church van and it will be stored under the pear tree in the church parking lot. Pastor Cox will do the signage on the van.

**New Business:** The Consistory voted unanimously not to have a meeting in July.

Pastor Lloyd had the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Ayers, Secretary



Thanks to all you women who helped with refreshments following the funerals of Lillian Greeson and Joan Shoffner. These efforts were greatly appreciated by the families. Thanks also to those who attended and/or provided refreshments for the District meeting of the UCC Church Women which we hosted on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

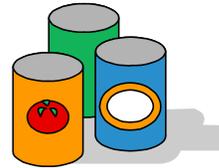
This month we will begin our regular meeting schedule with a joint meeting in the Fellowship Hall on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will begin our study **Reconciling Paul**. If anyone would like me to order a study book please let me know soon. The cost is \$8.

It seems that so many groups have scheduled events on September 20<sup>th</sup> that it will be impossible to attend them all. At Mt. Hope we will have the monthly hot dog lunch. Also scheduled for the same day is the Fall Enrichment for the UCC Church Women to be held at Black Lake. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the cost for lunch is \$10. Please let me know if you would like to attend this meeting and I will provide more details. We also received word that the Ala-Guil and Burlington-Alamance Units of Church Women United will be

having a Human Rights Celebration at Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Burlington. This will begin at 10:00 am. They will be collecting school supplies for Classroom Closet. If you are interested in attending this meeting please call me for more details.

Thanks for everything you all do for our church and community. You all are truly a blessing.

Elizabeth Craft



### **Greensboro Urban Ministry:**

On August 19, 2014, Bob and Dottie Deeter took our food collection to Urban Ministry. We were able to contribute 101 pounds of food and Urban

Ministry was so glad to receive this as the shelves were empty. The September dates for collections will be Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and again on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience a basket has been placed in the Narthex for your donations. There is also a container for monetary contributions if you can't get to the store to buy something. There are also containers in the breezeway. As in Matthew 14: 13-21 we read the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 on 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. He tells us “you feed my people.” One or two cans from each of us will go a long way to help feed those less fortunate than we are. We pray for God's blessings on all of us as we support this much needed ministry.



### **Friends & Neighbors**

Our Friends & Neighbors group will resume meeting again in September. We look forward to getting back together. Our meeting schedule will continue to follow Guilford County Schools rules. If there is inclement weather, we don't meet (if there is no school, there will be no meeting). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:30. Following our business meeting, Sarah Daffron and her dance team will provide entertainment. Lunch will be by covered dish. Please bring a favorite dish to share, a drink and dessert. Our meeting schedule for the year is included in the newsletter. Be sure to save it so you can make plans for upcoming meetings.

## MT. HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

September 2014 – May 2015

(If schools are closed for bad weather, we will not meet)

#### 2014

- September 16 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30 for our business meeting to be followed by Sarah Daffron and her team of dancers who will clog for us. We will have a covered dish luncheon. Please bring a favorite dish, drink, and dessert.
- October 21 Meet at the church at 10:00. Go to the Old Guilford Mill for a tour, then enjoy lunch at the Golden Coral on Lawndale.
- November 18 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30. At 11:00 speaker will be Bob Boyd from SHIPP. The Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program will provide information on Medicare and insurance as well as other information from Senior Resources. **Bring toys to support the "Toys for Tots" project for Christmas.** We will enjoy lunch at Golden Coral in Burlington.
- December 16 Meet at 10:30 in the sanctuary to hear music by Pat Wade, pianist. We will also have a sing along of Christmas music. Instead of exchanging gifts, we will bring canned goods for the food bank. Then we will enjoy our Christmas lunch together at Western Steak House

#### 2015

- January 20 Meet in the church fellowship Hall at 10:30 for a Bingo/birthday party; bring your bingo prizes to share. We will enjoy a lunch of baked spaghetti and salad provided by the committee.
- February 17 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30. We will be entertained by Shirley Thompson who will play bells. We will then enjoy a late Valentine lunch at Mayflower Restaurant.
- March 17 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30 to enjoy a movie and share a lunch of BBQ sandwiches provided by the church.
- April 14 Trip to visit the Field of Honor in Kernersville. Leave the church at 8:30, stop for a biscuit. Following our tour in Kernersville, have lunch at Oak Crest on Battleground in Greensboro.
- May 19 Trip to the Candy Factory in Cana, VA and other area sites. Leave the church at 8:30, stop for a biscuit, tour the Candy Factory, then have lunch before returning to the church.



### Ice Cream Social

**Annual Ice Cream Supper:** Mt. Hope UCC will be having their Ice Cream Supper/Youth Back to School Bash/Teacher Appreciation Day on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. Please join us for our annual ice cream supper. If you can help provide ice cream, please sign up on the sheets in your

Sunday School classroom or posted in the Narthex. Also, we will be in need of a few golf carts to transport people to the picnic shelter. If you can help in this area please call Cynthia Morris at 339-2114.



**MT. HOPE UCC HOT DOG LUNCH:** EAT IN – TAKE OUT 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, **September 20, 2014,** and October 18, 2014. **\$5.00 Luncheon Special**

includes 2 hot dogs, snack bag of chips, a canned drink and desserts (including homemade peach cobbler). Items are also able to be purchased individually.

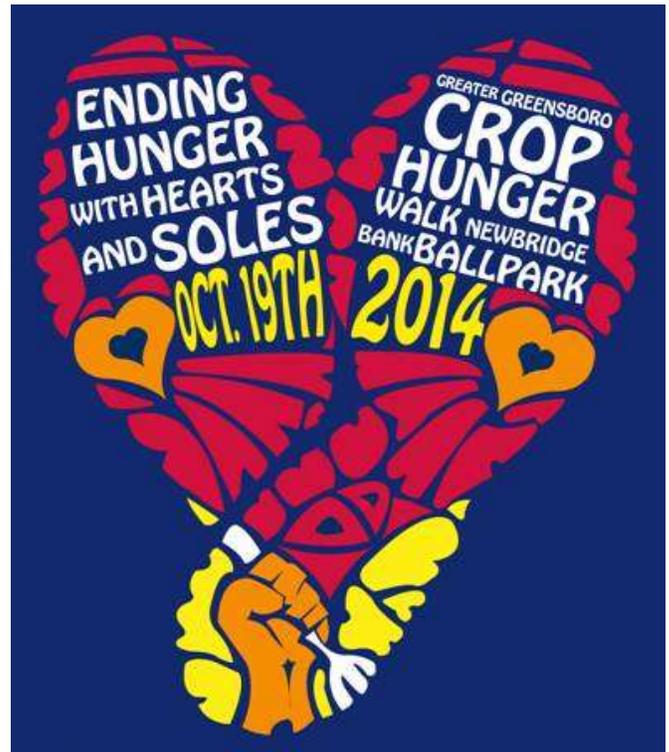
### After Lunch Presentation on Estate Planning Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, our Stewardship Committee along with Friends and Neighbors will co-host lunch in the new Fellowship Hall immediately after our worship service. Mount Hope United Church's Stewardship Committee and our Friends and Neighbors are co-hosting the lunch along with a special program on Estate Planning.

The program speaker is Mr. Peter A. Sullivan of Fidelity Investments, Greensboro Investor Center. He will speak at our request on the importance of Estate Planning along with planning fundamentals. We are offering this as a service to our members and their families to help us all better prepare for difficult decisions impacting preserving wealth and passing it along to others.

To better help us plan for this lunch, please watch your Sunday Bulletins and note and complete an ***I-plan-to-attend-form*** during one of the Sundays in September prior to September 21<sup>st</sup>, and place it in the offering plate.

Sincerely, The Stewardship Committee & Friends and Neighbors



**CROP Walk:** It is that time again for the CROP Walk. We are doing things a little different this year. We will be walking the large "Greensboro Crop Walk". Since we have to pay for the t-shirts in advance, please let me know if **you plan to walk and your t-shirt size by, Sunday, September 21<sup>th</sup>, no payment due for shirts at this time just your commitment.** This way we can get the correct size t-shirts and paperwork for everybody without so many leftovers and paying for unused shirts. We will be walking October 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30 at the NewBridge Bank Park in Greensboro, the walk will end at 4:00. If you are unable to walk please support one of our walkers. If you have questions please let me know, Carmen Cox, 336-312-2173 [ccox@labcorp.com](mailto:ccox@labcorp.com) or Gloria Apple at 336-312-8951 [gloria@industrialpowerinc.com](mailto:gloria@industrialpowerinc.com). Thanks



We are gearing up for a new Confirmation Class. If you know of a young person who will be in the seventh or eighth grade during this school year who might be interested in Confirmation, please contact the church office as soon as possible.



**Girl Scout Award:** Casey Ellis was awarded her Girl Scout Gold Award on August 13, 2014. This is the highest achievement in Girl

Scouting that you can earn. Casey's project was "Building Stronger Minds". She worked with the residents at Clapps Assisted Living Center in Pleasant Garden for over a year. Some patients suffer with Dementia and Alzheimer's. Casey worked with them on making jewelry, puzzles, Bingo, crafts, planting flowers for their rooms and painting a flower pot for the porch, having tea parties and a luncheon, along with other activities that keep them involved with their hands and minds and get them out of their rooms. She had a luncheon last year for her Gold Award that raised over \$800. With this money she was able to make wire mesh wreaths for each resident's door, purchase a Wii with games for residents to do bowling, etc. She also was able to purchase large puzzles with bigger pieces, crafts, weaving looms and braids, and make each person their own coloring book. With limited resources at Clapps, this was a great accomplishment for the residents to be able to continue doing activities. They really looked forward to her coming and helping with their activities and new ideas. Casey also involved other Girl Scout troops and displayed leadership by showing them how to interact with the residents. Congratulations Casey on a job well done!



**Congratulations!** Congratulations to Logan Ellis for completing a summer internship at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. The Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences Department hosted nine undergraduate students as part of the Research

Experience for Undergraduate program, funded by the National Science Foundation. The 9 students, all with backgrounds in biology, meteorology, or environmental science hail from colleges and universities throughout the country. Through a competitive application process, these students were selected to work one-on-one with experts in the field of oceanography, exposing them to in-depth research focused on climate change and sea level rise. Students lived on campus, received room and board, and a stipend for the 10-week program. Logan is now back at Catawba College to complete his Senior year.



**The Good Earth Garden Club** will be meeting with Cindy Hughes on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. This meeting will take place at Cindy's home.



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** SEPTEMBER 12, 2014, at 7:00 pm. Pop corn and drinks will be available. A really great movie will be shown, 'Heaven is for Real.' Presented by the

Fellowship Committee.



**Social Concerns:** The Social Concerns Committee is collecting school supplies again this year for Nathanael Greene and Alamance

Schools. A box is located in the Breezeway for you to place any items you would like to donate. Thank you!



**Coming in October:** The Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Fall Country Hoedown on October 5th, at 4:00 pm. We will be having Sloppy Joes and fixins, a hayride, lots of games, apple bobbing, and great fun. If anyone has a light-weight frying pan that they can donate and not care for it's return we would appreciate it very much. See Virginia or Cleo Barker. SEE YOU THERE.



**Kristen Levens** has moved to Princeton Theological Seminary to continue her post-graduate education. Her new address is:

**Kristen Levens**  
**401 Emmons Drive #203**  
**Princeton, New Jersey 08540**

*Thank You*

**Thank you:** Dear Mt. Hope Family, Thank you for all the love and support you have given us over the years. It has been a real comfort during our loss of Jenna and Granny. We would like to give special thanks to the church women for everything they did for the visitation. Love, Don & Karen & Family, Gary & Brenda & Family

**Thank you:** Dear Mt. Hope Friends: Thank you so much for your cards, calls and prayers while I was having my eye problems. The vision has come back in my eye and I'm doing much better. Love, Addison Harris

**Thank you:** Just a note to say we are grateful for your help in collecting used medicine bottles for two hospitals in Kenya. Along with our thanks, we'd like to remind you that every bottle must have a lid. We can't send bottles that are labeled or are sticky in any way. The bottles must be clear. They may be colored, but you must be able to see into the bottle. Don't be discouraged by these small rules because any bottle can be recycled that can't be used by the hospitals. Again, many thanks for your help in collecting used medicine bottles. This is a

project being undertaken by Northeast McLeansville 4-H Club, which Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church sponsors. If you ever are looking for a good cause to support, let us suggest help in shipping the bottles, as it is very expensive to send them. There are no factories for making the bottles in Kenya, so the used bottles are appreciated very much. Gratefully yours, Northeast McLeansville 4-H Club, Carolyn Ivey, Volunteer

Note: Goof-off or W.D. - 40 will remove sticky film.

**Thank you:** Dear Friends of Greensboro Urban Ministry: May we take this opportunity to thank you for your food donation of 117 pounds, and for all you do for the community through our Agency. What a gracious response to the needs of others when there are so many hurting. The needs have never been greater, and this will, and has, helped so many. The need for food and other essentials is at a record high, and providing sufficient food for Greensboro Urban Ministry's Emergency Assistance Program and for the requirements of our Potter's House as they feed daily meals is critical as we attempt to meet the needs of so many who come here for help. As part of the Greensboro Urban Ministry team, daily we are reminded of families who are facing challenges to survive, and with a response such as you folk have given, these needs are met! Thank you for caring. Sincerely, Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank, Val Marshall, Food Bank Office Manager



### September Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kayla Belvin, Dona Branson, Edsel Greeson, Erica Moore, Kelly Stanley
- 5<sup>th</sup> Andrew Greeson
- 6<sup>th</sup> Hoy Greeson, Clarine Ingold, Kamen McClintock
- 7<sup>th</sup> Whitney Clendenin, Patty Coble, Heath Smith
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jerry Bartenfield, Jenna Whitesell
- 10<sup>th</sup> Katelyn Gossett, Shawn Kirkman, Megan Moore, Sunny Staley

11<sup>th</sup> Coy Amick, Christopher Eller  
 12<sup>th</sup> Logan Ellis, Joe Hughes, Renee Roberts  
 13<sup>th</sup> Beth Harris, Chad Simpson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Aaron Anzaldua, Beverly Anzaldua, Justin Anzaldua  
 17<sup>th</sup> Leonard Shoffner  
 18<sup>th</sup> Scott Andrews, Dottie Deeter  
 21<sup>st</sup> Bob Deeter, Bill Ingold  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Greeson, Whitney Hancock, Doris Reece  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Anna Lashley  
 24<sup>th</sup> Brett Hantske  
 25<sup>th</sup> Matt Pinson  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mazie Coulman  
 27<sup>th</sup> Gerald Greeson, Carol Sawyer  
 30<sup>th</sup> Sonia Knowles, Phillip Strouth

7:00 p.m., Evangelism Team  
 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
 6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m., Hot Dog Sale  
 21<sup>st</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 12:00 p.m., Estate Planning Event  
 3:00 p.m., Youth Planning  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee  
 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
 6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
 28<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship



**September Anniversaries**

6<sup>th</sup> Bill & Sandra Martin  
 17<sup>th</sup> Phillip & Tracy Nelson  
 20<sup>th</sup> Alan & Amanda Levens  
 30<sup>th</sup> Michael & Kathleen Craft



**September Events**

1<sup>st</sup> Labor Day  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 p.m., Garden Club  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
 6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Day  
 Collecting for Urban Ministry  
 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 5:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social  
 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Combined Women's Circles  
 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet  
 6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal  
 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Consistory  
 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Family Movie Night  
 14<sup>th</sup> Collecting for Urban Ministry  
 9:45 a.m., Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m., Worship  
 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m., Friends & Neighbors



**GRANDPARENTS**

Few can bring the warmth  
 We can find in their embrace,  
 And little more is needed to bring love  
 Than the smile on their face.

They've a supply of precious stories,  
 Yet they've time to wipe a tear,  
 Or give us reasons to make us laugh.  
 They grow more precious through the years.

I believe that God sent us Grandparents  
 As our legacy from above,  
 To share the moments of our life,  
 As extra measures of His love.

~~Author Unknown~~

