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Mt. Hope Messenger

September, 2013



I served two churches right on the coast of North Carolina. Every year there would be a warning that a Hurricane was one the way. Everyone began to make preparations for the

storm which might or might not come. Everyone knew that it was better to be ready no matter what.

My first church in the United Church of Christ was in Louisville, Kentucky. I noticed all the really big sound systems on the roof of every school. It didn't take long to find out that when those systems went off it meant that a tornado was sighted. When they went off people began to make preparations for the storm that may or may not come. Louisville was also close to a major fault line so they also had to be concerned about earthquakes. Talk about adding insult to injury.

The more I think about it the more I realize that no one is immune from worry. Fear of hurricanes, tornados, and earthquakes are a part of many lives. Some parts of the country have to worry about all of the above and more. No one is immune from worry and fear.

If those natural disasters were all we had to worry about we'd be OK, but they're not. There are so many things to worry about that fear could completely take over our lives if we let it. Isn't that what the church is there for? Isn't that why we need a base of good, comforting friends to help see us through? Those of us at Mt. Hope who have faced those fears and concerns know exactly what I'm talking about. There's a spirit of comfort and love in this church that really makes a difference when we're going through those times in our lives when fear of any kind tries to take us over. You have to wonder what those who don't have this refuge do when those things strike.

Having traveled a lot of different parts of our country I've seen how people prepare for problems that they might face. My feeling is that there is no better way to prepare than to become a vital part of a loving, caring community that brings that comfort when comfort may be hard to find.

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Consistory Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2013

Members Present: Linda Ayers, Bill Craft, Bennie Gerner, Lloyd Gilliam, Cathy Gossett, Clifton Greeson, Dee Greeson, Bob Hamlett, Joe Hughes, Sharon Moore, Becky Stafford

Trustees: Harden Phipps

Pastor: Rev. Lloyd Spencer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Becky read from Matthew 23 and relayed the message that as leaders, we should exam our hearts on a regular basis, look at ourselves and our motives, and remember that we are servants.

A quorum was established and Sharon reviewed the proposed agenda.

Sharon thanked the consistory for supporting her decision to cancel the June meeting due to a storm on the night the meeting was scheduled. There was to be no meeting in July but since we were unable to hold a meeting in June, the July meeting is being held on this date.

Updates:

- Sharon shared the thank you card for the memorial gift to the Congregational UCC in memory of Rev. Dr. William Smith.
- Sharon shared the thank you card from the Gleaners/Whitener Class for allowing them to place a collection container in the narthex for Urban Ministries.
- We have accepted the donation for a pull down projector screen for the conference room. The screen will be received next week and will be mounted from the ceiling.
- Clifton will work with Kyle Foust who will install carpet and/or flooring in the building in exchange for use of the church.
- There have been two Sundays when no one showed up to work the nursery during worship service. We need to make every effort to assure this does not happen again and that there are two people to work the nursery. Sharon has been trying to monitor this by stopping by the nursery before worship on Sundays. Rev. Spencer had suggested that a pair of walkie talkies be used for communication between nursery workers and the sound system operator. Joe and Cindy Hughes have purchased these and Joe brought these to the meeting. Sharon

will have Shirley print the announcement in the bulletin that the walkies are now available. A note will also be posted in the nursery.

- Sharon reminded consistory of the next communion date of August 4th and asked that we please let her know if we cannot be in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the May minutes as written. The motion carried.

Trustee's Report:

- The air conditioning unit on the second floor has been replaced. During this installation it was also necessary to install a lift pump for the boiler.
- The ladies bathroom on the third floor of the education building has been repaired.
- Completion of the storage room to be used by the trustees will be placed on hold until the winter months.
- Bob has installed new programmable thermostats on all three floors of the education building. The thermostats are locked and are programmed to run the air conditioning only on Sundays. If something is planned for any area of the education building, communication must be made to the trustees in order to turn on the air conditioning.
- Cathy has received a donation to purchase shelving and totes for the decorations storage room. Cathy will be in touch with Pat Branson to coordinate cleaning out the room.
- Becky asked if we could consider replacing the Plexiglas on the sanctuary windows. On the current Plexiglas, there is a line that is directly across the medallions in the new windows. This will be looked at further.
- Sharon has asked Harden for maintenance needs for the church for long range plans. There are more but the three main issues are:
 1. Outside doors: Harden has secured one bid for three doors to include molding, paint, caulk, PVC trim, hinges, hardware, and closers which totals \$10,950. The door on the Old Julian Road side is only 7' high which would require a special order, driving up the cost. He will secure two to three more bids.

2. Boiler: The estimate to replace the boiler is \$25,000. It was noted that the boiler has never been replaced.

3. Column Repair

Other considerations for long range maintenance needs are (but are not limited to) windows of the education building, roofing shingles, and furnace replacement. The trustees and maintenance committee will discuss and prioritize these maintenance needs.

Pastor's Report:

- Ministry Team Updates: Many have not met recently due to vacation schedules. The Fellowship Team coordinated the recent outing at Lake Mackintosh. The Social Concerns Team continues to work on the Fisher House project.
- Conference Annual Gathering: Clergy are required to take boundary training every five years and Rev. Spencer has just completed and passed this training. Rev. Ed Davis has done much for the conference and is now called to be the conference minister. The conference is trying to have resources available to assist churches in different areas such as assistance with youth programs. The association office is currently in a house in Salisbury. Catawba College is buying this property and will allow the conference to continue to use two offices in the house. If Catawba needs this space in the future, they will allow the conference to use space that is equal or better to their current space. This would be somewhere on the Catawba campus. Some churches who have pulled out of the conference are considering coming back. Not being in the conference presents problems for churches in areas such as finding ministers. There is a very large Baptist Church in Charlotte that is applying to change to and join our UCC Conference.
- Rev. Spencer and Shirley have received a request for a non-member to have their wedding at Mt. Hope. Our Church Usage Policy states that non-members may not book the church more than 60 days prior to their event. The person making the request is asking that this policy be waived. A motion was made and seconded to adhere to our current Church Usage Policy and not allow the date to be booked

more than 60 days in advance. The motion carried.

- Rev. Spencer is working on a special study to be held on Sunday evening's beginning in the fall. He will be looking for people to attend that are concerned about the future of the church.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported on two months, both May and June. He reviewed and asked for the Consistory's guidance on the following issues:

1. Debit Cards – should we continue to use debit cards for different accounts. A motion was made and seconded that we abolish the use of debit cards for accounts at Mt. Hope. The motion carried.
2. Youth Special Project Account – do we need to continue to have this account. A motion was made and seconded to close this account and to incorporate those funds into the Youth Fellowship All Groups Account with the exception of \$572.25 to go to the General Fund designated for Nativity Scene Maintenance. The motion carried.
3. There is not a church credit card that Shirley, the administrative secretary, can use for needed purchases or emergency items. This creates a problem with ordering items on line which often times saves money. A motion was made and seconded that we have a credit card with a \$500 limit to be used by the church administrative secretary only for general fund purchases. The motion carried.

Bill presented the May 2013 treasurer's report as follows:

- General fund beginning balance (\$561.67)
- General fund receipts \$14,365.
- General fund disbursements \$10,084.31.
- General fund ending balance \$3,719.02.

There were no unusual expenses in May. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2013 treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried. Bill reviewed proposed new financial reporting forms for all our bank accounts under our tax id. The forms cover income, deposits, and debits.

Bill reviewed new forms developed by the treasurers for consistory approval. The forms are:

1. Funds Received Statement – to be turned in after any money raising event.

2. Cash Box Request – to be completed for all Mt. Hope accounts when a cash box is needed for an event.
3. Request for Reimbursement – to be completed for all Mt. Hope accounts along with an original receipt when an individual needs to be reimbursed for purchases made for a church related event.
4. An excel-based ledger form – to be used for reporting four times a year for other managed accounts such as youth programs, Sunday school accounts, Supper Fund, etc. This form may also be printed and completed without the use of a computer as well. The first reporting period will be the October Consistory meeting. As in the past, we will request annual reports on Certificate of Deposits in January.

The treasurers will meet with fund managers to go over these forms and give them instruction on using them. Completed forms will be kept on file with financial reports for seven years. A motion was made and seconded to move forward to implement the use of these forms presented by the treasurer. The motion carried.

Bill presented the June 2013 treasurer’s report as follows:

- General fund beginning balance \$3,719.02.
- General fund receipts \$14,210.97.
- General fund disbursements \$20,765.05.
- General fund ending balance (\$2,835.06)

Bill pointed out that quarterly payments for a number of items were reflected in the June report which impacted the debit totals. Other payments discussed that were significant or out of the ordinary include:

1. Vacation Bible School reimbursement
2. Insurance Board (quarterly church package for insurance coverage)
3. Pastor’s benefit package (quarterly)
4. Payments from Community Resource Fund (this varies month to month)
5. Yellow Page ads (each month, but to be discontinued when our contract ends after this year)

Bill presented a report outlining our energy usage from July 2009 to present. If usage continues at the current rate, it is estimated that we will spend

\$10,000 in energy bills in 2013. Bill stated we must find ways to reduce energy usage. A motion was made and seconded to approve the June treasurer’s report as presented. The motion carried.

Sharon explained that in our long range plan, there will be several maintenance and improvement needs addressed. Current bills or bills expected in the near future are:

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| 1. HVAC | \$ 7,653 (we currently owe \$5,800) |
| 2. Lift Pump | 485 (current) |
| 3. Outside entrance doors | 10,950 (projected need) |
| Total | \$19,088 |

Sharon asked Barbara Greeson, who manages and monitors our CD’s how we can pay for these items. Barbara’s recommendations are:

1. There is \$108,000 in a CD from sale of the parsonage. A total of \$8,553.70 can be withdrawn without paying a penalty.
2. One Kinder Morgan Fund has \$820 left. We can close this account.
3. A second Kinder Morgan Fund has a \$27,798.52 balance. These funds can be used since they are designated for maintenance. There is a cost of \$523.73 to withdraw \$10,000. The funds in option three will be not be used at present but will be an available option when needed for maintenance and repairs.

A motion was made and seconded that we move the amounts in option one (\$8,553.70) and option two (\$820) to the maintenance account to pay for HVAC and lift pump. The motion carried.

Concerning the matter of making Mt Hope an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation), Cathy reported that as a 501 (c) (3) we cannot be an LLC in the state of North Carolina. A more formal report regarding this will be presented at the next consistory meeting.

Committee Updates:

Constitution Revision Task Force – Bennie - The committee hopes to have a rough draft in August. The revisions must be completed by the second Sunday in November for a congregational vote. Deciding how to make committees active and working, how to select members, and how the members report is slowing the process.

Safe Church Policy – Sharon - Sharon reported that the congregation has been made aware of the policy and given the opportunity to ask questions or

make comments regarding the policy. There has been no feedback. The committee will incorporate a flowchart for reporting incidents to the policy and it will be brought back to the table in August.

New Business: The gravesite for Rev. Settlemyre and their infant was moved. The old headstone is in the woods next to the Old Julian Road parking lot and will be removed.

Sharon reviewed the items covered at this meeting and Rev. Spencer closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Dee Greeson, Secretary



Women's Fellowship

Hello Ladies! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and you are ready to come back to our regular meetings for fellowship and Bible Study. Our September joint meeting will be on Tuesday September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the **Old Fellowship Hall**. We will catch up with some business items, and introduce the Study topic for this year, which is **An Abiding Hope** (The presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy). We will be happy to welcome new members to either of our circles. Willing Workers (daytime), and Mary/Martha(night).

Fall Enrichment will be held at Piedmont Crossing on Saturday, September 21st. This promises to be an enjoyable day. You can put the date on your calendars and we will discuss travel details at the joint meeting.

Our annual bazaar will be coming up in November. Several of you are already making items to sell. We need all the help we can get, so if you have some ideas for new items please feel free to express your talents! Also, remember that home baked goods, jellies, pickles etc. always sell well.

It is good to see that Cheryl Royal has recovered from her nasty bout of Rocky Mountain Spotted fever. At this time Nancy Wimbish is dealing with some health issues which required hospitalization. We are keeping her in our prayers as she recovers at home. As always, we remember the faithful women who are no longer able to live independently but who need our love and prayers: Carlene Neese, Laura Clapp, and recently added, Annie Mae Victor.

Blessings, Elizabeth Craft



Greensboro Urban Ministry: On August 12, we sent 184 pounds of food to Greensboro Urban Ministry which was for the months of July and August. Thank you all for this great donation! The folks at Urban Ministry were so appreciative. Our September dates for collecting food items will be Sunday, September 1st, and again on Sunday, September 8th. For your convenience a container has been placed in the Narthex for your donations of non-perishable food. There is also a container for any monetary donations that may be a convenient way for you to support this worthy cause. There are also containers in the breezeway. Non-perishable items and no glass containers are requested. We pray for God's blessings on all of us as we support this much needed ministry.



MT. HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Summer is over; fall is here! It's time for our Friends and Neighbors group to get back together. Plan to join us on Tuesday, September 17 in the fellowship hall at 11:00. We will be entertained by Mike and Kim Loftis who are shaggers from the Reedy Creek Restaurant. Following our meeting, we will enjoy a covered dish lunch. Everyone bring a dish to share, a dessert and drink. Check out our schedule for the fiscal year so you will know of upcoming events. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 17.

September 2013 – May 2014

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

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September 17 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 11:00 a.m. We will be entertained by Mike and Kim Loftis of the Reedy Creek Restaurant Shaggers group, then enjoy a covered dish lunch. Everyone bring a dish to share, a dessert and drink.

October 15 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30. Jennifer Nichols of Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will speak at 11:00

to provide information on Medicare and insurance as well as other information from Senior Resources. We will enjoy lunch at Harbor Inn at 12:30. **Bring toys for Toys for Tots for Christmas**

November 19 Trip to Bear Creek for Christmas goodies, fruit cakes, etc. Leave church at 8:30 and stop for a biscuit. Tour is at 10:30 (30 min) then shop for goodies. Stop for lunch somewhere on the way home.

December 17 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30 for a Christmas sing-along, a Christmas story, and good fellowship. Bring canned goods for the food bank. We will enjoy lunch at the Golden Coral in Burlington at 12:30.

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January 21 Meet in the church fellowship Hall at 10:30 for a Bingo party; bring your bingo prizes to share. We will enjoy a lunch of soup and sandwiches prepared by the committee. Bring a dessert and drink.

February 18 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30. Our speaker will be Marya Haefner, a senior fitness instructor from the Greensboro Parks and Recreation. We will enjoy a covered dish lunch. Please bring a favorite dish, dessert and drink.

March 18 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 10:30 to see a movie to be followed by a BBQ lunch prepared by the committee. Bring a dessert and drink.

April 15 Trip to Seagrove to tour the orchid farm and pottery barns. Leave the church at 8:30; stop for a biscuit. Eat lunch on the way back.

May 20 Meet in the church fellowship hall at 9:30 for a business meeting and devotions. Then we will go to the Farmer's Market at Sandy Ridge. We will also enjoy lunch there at the Moose Café at 12:30.



The Fisher House Project

The following pictures show Christians at work, which is what Mt. Hope Church is all about. The Social Concerns Ministry Team of Mt. Hope Church made the support of The Fisher House at Fort Bragg one of its missions for 2013. The following pictures show the fruition of that mission. A total of nineteen people from the church helped deliver the bags of supplies to the Fisher House. Thanks to all of you who so generously donated to that mission. The director of the facility was very pleased to receive our gifts and assured us that they would go a long way in helping families who have loved ones at the veterans' hospital at the base. Providing a free place to stay for such families is the main mission of The Fisher House.

We delivered over one hundred bags of supplies, tooth brushes, razors, tooth paste, laundry items, and other travel size hygiene items. Those supplies will be placed in the rooms at Fisher House for those guests who stay there during their loved one's stay in local veterans' hospital.

Thanks to Mary Catherine Moser, Cynthia Morris, and Ruth Harris for sewing beautiful bags for containing the supplies. Also, thanks to those people who provided food and help during our packaging session, and a special thanks to Clifton Greeson who drove the church van.

One of our Fort Bragg connections, First Lieutenant Clint Moore, joined us for the occasion indicating how appreciative our military leaders are for support of The Fisher House. The Social Concerns Ministry Team plans to make this an annual support project. So, save all those items: note pads, travel size hygiene items, coffee, sugar, bottled water, and on and on. We'll be around again next year to collect the items.

As members of the Social Concerns Ministry Team, we thank you for all your support. We are Brenda Currie, chairperson, Lloyd and Sylvia Gilliam, Kristen Greeson, and Pat Huizinga. Christians working together, that's what makes Mt. Hope a great church!



Lt. Clint Moore w/ Addison Harris & Jon Branson



Fisher House



Workers packing goody bags



Social Concerns Ministry Team



Girl Scout Troop 40478 led by Cathy Gossett and Beth Griffin chose our own Loaves & Fishes Whitsett location as one of their organizations to help for the girls to earn their silver award. They have to complete 50 hours of service to earn this award. They volunteered a couple of Saturdays to learn about how we operate and what it takes to fill our bags and they went out and shopped purchasing enough food to fill 16 bags! They ended up bagging 447.8 lbs of food. Great job girls and thank you for supporting Loaves & Fishes and the fight against hunger!



The Girl Scouts, pictured above are: Madelyn Clapp, Sarah Griffin, Katelyn Gossett, Abby Strouth, and Katie Allred.



CHURCH POTLUCK **Church Dinner:** We will be honoring our members that have joined Mt. Hope since Rev. Spencer became pastor, on **Sept 7th at 6:00 pm**. Mark your calendars. Bring your favorite dish to share. It will be an evening of delicious foods, great fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Contact Helen Busick if questions: 697-8760.



The Board of Directors of Loaves & Fishes Christian Food Ministry, Inc. wishes to notify the community that we will close on September 30th. We wish to thank all the many donors, volunteers, churches, businesses, organizations and individuals that have made it such a successful place for people to refer folks for food and other assistance. We feel that we have served this community well for almost 15 years and that our mission has been fulfilled. We will accept donations up until September 30th. Many thanks to our Executive Director Brenda Allen and Staff for the awesome job they have done for this Ministry. Please accept this notice that any previous volunteer or event commitments are now cancelled. **Loaves & Fishes Board of Directors & Brenda Allen**

*****The coordinators here at the Mt. Hope facility are in the process of exploring other supportive outlets for the use of our facility which will remain in use. More information will follow on volunteer and donation opportunities. Carmen, Gloria, Helen and Lisa.*****



ACTS OF RANDOM KINDESS

Our own Mt. Hope Youth and Disciples Class have teamed up to create what we hope will be a project here at Mt. Hope for years to come. We call it ARK, acts of random kindness. We have had an ARK suggestion box built so that anyone can write down things they know they need to be done for someone in the church or community. This can be yard work, house work, or even just keeping someone company. We know there are times when we all need a helping hand or just someone to come visit with for a little while. Just fill out one of the forms and place it in the ARK box and we will take it from there. Donations accepted also.

Acts of Random Kindness



Gloria Apple, Josh Apple and Colby Arrington presented the ARK... Acts of Random Kindness project to the consistory on Aug 8th. The youth and the Disciples Sunday school class will be collaborating regarding this wonderful church project!



On Saturday, August 24th, the Gleaners Sunday School Class enjoyed a special time of fellowship with a cookout at the home of Bill and Elizabeth Craft. Check out the photos below:





activities which better support our mission and to reach more people. We need to **finalize** the 2014 budget ahead of the October Consistory meeting, so PLEASE get your information to the appropriate committee chair as soon as you can. The Budget Committee needs to hear from them by **September 16th**.

Not sure about the committees? Most budget lines relate to the work of one of these committees:

Building and Grounds - Bennie Gerner

Cemetery - Bennie Gerner

Communications - Barbara Greeson

Evangelism - Helen Busick

Fellowship - Virginia Barker

Historical - Pat Branson

Memorial - Dallas Belvin

Music and Worship - Cindy Hughes

Personnel - Cheryl Royal

Social Concerns - Brenda Currie

Youth and Christian Education - Cynthia Morris

Committee chairs may contact Budget Committee members by phone, email, or letter:

Cliff Greeson, Chair, Budget Committee; 336-697-1930, or cagreeson@bellsouth.net

Cynthia Morris, Chair, Board of Christian Education, 336-339-2114 or 336-339-6114

Bill Craft, Treasurer, 336-697-0676, or williamcraft@triad.rr.com

Becky Stafford, Assistant Treasurer, 336-613-1538, or rastafford7@gmail.com

Cathy Gossett, Assistant Treasurer, 336-516-1908, or fgos275998@aol.com

Shirley Connor, Church Secretary, 336-607-1561, or mthope@triad.rr.com

Questions? Phone Contact us.

Budget

Budget Time! The Budget Committee met on August 19th and plans two additional meetings to develop the budget for 2014 (1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014). We need input from our committee chairs. If you are a member of a committee, please contact your chair with your ideas, proposals, or comments. If you are a chair, please collect suggestions from your members and prioritize them before sending them to the Budget Committee. Don't forget to submit ideas for saving money as well as. This allows us to consider

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note...*

Message from your Trustees:

In the past several weeks we have experienced some hot or cool Sundays in the church and education building. All of the equipment is 35 plus years old, and it, like many of us, is tired and worn out! We have been faced with fixing a problem on Wednesday and by Sunday another problem arises. We have had leaks in the piping, thermostats going bad, and AC units and time clocks that had to be replaced.

The congregation has been very understanding and has complained very little, which has made our job more enjoyable. We are constantly addressing

all problems when they arise and hope to keep you comfortable each and every Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the trustees.

We appreciate your support and understanding.
The Trustees - Greg Moser, Harden Phipps & Wesley Reece



School Supplies: The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring a drive to collect school supplies for Alamance and Nathanael Greene schools. There is a box provided in the Breezeway for collecting items that will be divided between the two schools. The items needed are: pencils, glue sticks, crayons, copy paper (both white and pastel colors), pocket folders, cap erasers, and underwear (girls size small, medium and large; boys size medium and large).



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 22nd from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please join us for our annual ice cream supper honoring our Sunday School Teachers and Helpers.

If you can help provide ice cream, please sign up on the sheets in your Sunday School classroom or posted in the Narthex and in the Breezeway. 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.



We need...

We are looking for a donation of 3 working CD players to be kept

in the children's Sunday School classes. If you have one that you would be willing to donate, please call Cindy Hughes at 674-7924. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Sunday School Workers Needed

The Board of Christian Education is looking for Sunday School teachers for a new class of 6th – 8th graders. We are also looking for youth leaders/support staff. We are also looking for new board members. If interested in any of these openings please contact Cynthia Morris at 336-339-2114.



New Church Directories: See Barbara Greeson to get a copy of Mt. Hope's new pictorial directory if you have not already received your copy. Everyone who had a portrait taken by Lifetouch receives a free directory. Other copies may be purchased.

Directory Update

Please make note of the following corrections to the new church directory: Betty Neese (1724 NC Hwy 61) has a different mailing address. It is P.O. Box 25, Whitsett, NC 27377. Also, Roger and Diane Neese are at P.O. Box 258, Whitsett, NC 27377, not at P.O. Box 25. Please make these changes to your directory. If anyone has any other corrections that need to be made please do not hesitate to contact the church office with those corrections and I will get the word out. Thanks, Shirley Connor

Come One, Come All The Youth Are Looking for YOU!



If you are invested in developing the future youth program at Mt. Hope, please join us for an opportunity to share positive ideas and thoughts in a structured format. The agenda based meeting will conclude with documentation of specific “next step” outcomes and activities regarding the youth program.

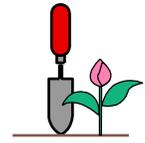
When: Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Where: New Fellowship Hall



The quilting ladies will be meeting the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Come out and enjoy this special time of crafting and fellowship!



Garden Club: The Garden Club is now back in action! We will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, at Ciao's Restaurant at Stoney Creek at 6:30 p.m. Rita Alcorn is the new president.

Her phone number is 697-0818 if you have any questions about the group.



Handbell Choir Rehearsal Resumes: The Handbell Choir will resume their weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:45 p.m.



Now that school is back in session my daughter-in-law is teaching again. I will be returning to the hours I worked in the spring. I need to keep my grandbaby on Wednesday afternoons so will be working on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays will remain the same. I will keep you posted if and when these hours will need to change.



LOOK WHAT'S COMING!!! THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM is hosting a Fall Hoe Down for Mount Hope Church on September 28th. There will be lots of fun, activities,

entertainment and food. It is being held on the church grounds. In the event of rain we will meet inside the church new Fellowship Hall. Please look for more details in the following church bulletins each week. Virginia Barker

Save the Date to help make a difference!



Saturday October 26th is Make-A-Difference Day. This year is going to be a little different. We are having our own Make-A-Difference Day here at Mt Hope Church. We will be making the bag lunches for the residents of Alamance Plaza as we always do and the bags will be made here at Mt. Hope. More details to come in the bulletin, announcements. Be

sure and check out the breezeway for the sign up sheet.



Thank You: I want to thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards you sent me for my 80th birthday. They eased the pain of approaching old age! (Will you consider doing it again on my 90th?) Love and thanks, David Levens

Thank You: Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food during my recent stays in the hospital. I am much better, but still have some tests to be done. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. You all mean so much to Jim and I. Love and God bless you. Nancy Wimbish



The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 6, 2013, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTYakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than

1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. **Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: www.ucc.org/nin.**



September, 2013



September Birthdays

- 3rd Kayla Belvin, Dona Branson, Edsel Greeson, Erica Moore
- 5th Andrew Greeson
- 6th Hoy Greeson, Clarine Ingold, Kamen McClintock
- 7th Whitney Clendenin, Patty Coble, Heath Smith
- 9th Jenna Whitesell
- 10th Katelyn Gossett, Shawn Kirkman, Megan Moore
- 11th Coy Amick, Christopher Eller
- 12th Logan Ellis, Joe Hughes, Michael Mason, Renee Roberts
- 13th Chad Simpson, Beth Harris
- 14th Aaron Anzaldua, Beverly Anzaldua, Justin Anzaldua
- 17th Leonard Shoffner
- 18th Scott Andrews, Dottie Deeter
- 20th Lillian Greeson
- 21st Bob Deeter, Bill Ingold
- 22nd Mary Greeson, Whitney Hancock, Doris Reece
- 23rd Anna Lashley, Stanley Shue
- 25th Matt Pinson
- 26th Mazie Coulman
- 27th Gerald Greeson, Carol Sawyer
- 28th Erica Prevost
- 30th Sonia Knowles, Phillip Strouth



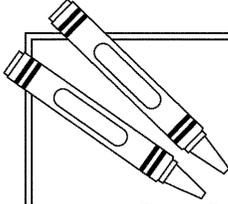
September Anniversaries

- 1st Donnie & Tamara Paul
- 6th Bill & Sandra Martin
- 17th Phillip & Tracy Nelson
- 20th Alan & Amanda Levens
- 26th Neal & Lynn Greeson
- 30th Michael & Kathleen Craft

- 1st Collecting for Greensboro Urban Ministry
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Worship
3:00 p.m. No Youth
- 2nd Labor Day
- 3rd 6:30 p.m., Garden Club meet at Ciao's
- 4th 9:00 a.m., Quilters meet
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 5th 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Ministry Team Meet
- 7th 6:00 p.m., New Member Dinner
- 8th Grandparents Day
Collecting for Greensboro Urban Ministry
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Worship
3:00 p.m., Youth Meetings
- 9th 7:00 p.m., Music & Worship Team Meet
- 10th 7:00 p.m., Ladies Joint Fellowship Meeting in Old Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m., Youth Collaboration in New Fellowship Hall
- 11th 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 12th 7:00 p.m., Consistory
- 15th 9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Worship
3:00 p.m., Youth Meetings
- 17th 11:00 a.m., Friends & Neighbors Meet
- 18th 6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 21st Ladies Fall Enrichment at Piedmont Crossing
- 22nd 9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Worship
3:00 p.m., Ice Cream Social/Back-to-school Bash
- 25th 9:00 a.m., Quilters Meet
6:45 p.m., Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal
- 28th 5:00 p.m., Hoe Down – Fellowship Team
- 29th 9:45 a.m., Sunday School
11:00 a.m., Worship
3:00 p.m., Youth Meetings

9-11 – May We Never Forget!





Just for **KIDS**

It's back to school time!

This is a time to make new friends and do new things!
Below is a special Bible verse to help you every day!

To find this helpful verse, write the letter that begins the word for each picture on the line above it.



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1 Corinthians 16:14

