

Bethany United Church of Christ

Embracing the Community

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FALL NEWS 2017



Love of Children (and puppies)! by Rev. Colleen Samson

Children and puppies have several things in common. Both like to explore and are curious. Both try to make sense of the world they are part of and learn to trust those who care for them. There is one thing I wish they did not have in common; sometimes they need to be rescued. Both of my neighbors have rescue dogs; dogs that needed to be taken out of their homes because the owner couldn't take care of the dog properly. Sometimes dogs are given up voluntarily, but usually it is a case of abuse or neglect. Dogs finding new owners has become a common practice in our communities. It is good that people are willing to care for pets when others cannot.

Unfortunately, children find themselves in the same situation. The Catawba County Department of Social Services says that more and more children are taken from their homes for one reason or another. The most common reason for children being taken from their homes is drug abuse by parents. A safe place for children is hard to find. First, the Department of Social Services tries to place children with a relative; these are called kinship homes. Many times it is grandparents who take the child temporarily or permanently. Foster Care is when a child is temporarily placed with a safe family who is not related to the child, and then if possible, they return to their biological parents. And, if a child has to be permanently removed from their parents, adoption can occur. These three types of families are called "resource families." It is good that resource families are willing to fill this important place in a child's life.

The Bethany family is a safe place for children. The council is exploring ways we can help "resource families" care for the children in their care. Please listen and watch for announcements from the council. Discussions are underway to make this not only a Bethany ministry, but also a ministry of the LINC churches. We can do more together to help change the world for some children.

Bethany is a community of justice and peace serving the needs of people on their spiritual journey.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Every Sunday Morning

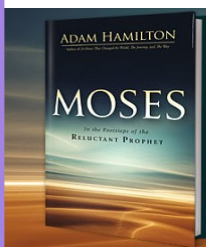
Adult Faith Formation 9:30
Worship Service 10:30



Scriptures

Sept 3	Matt 16: 21-28
Sept 10	Matt 18: 15-20
Sept 17	Psalm 24: 1-5 John 1:1-16
Sept 24	Matt 20: 1-16
Oct 1	Matt 21: 23-32
Oct 8	Matt 21: 33-46
Oct 15	Laity Sunday
Oct 22	Matt 22: 15-22
Oct 29	Matt 22: 34-46
Nov 5	Matt 23: 1-12
Nov 12	Matt 25: 14-30
Nov 19	Psalm 90: 1-12
Nov 26	Ezek 34: 11-24

**BEGINNING OCTOBER 1 REV. COLLEEN SAMSON PREACHES FROM
ADAM HAMILTON'S MOSES
A SERMON SERIES**



In the Footsteps of the
RELUCTANT PROPHET

MEET AND EAT

Join us Friday, October 6
6:00 p.m.

At Butcher Boy Cafe
Hwy 150 Denver NC
Every one is welcome!
Bring your family and
friends

To this time of
fun and fellowship!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

- 1 Lisa Goins
- 12 Eric Ervin
- 25 Vicki Smith-Canipe
- 30 Ruth Sanders

September

- 12 Donna Ervin
- 21 Kenneth Reed
- 24 Elizabeth Cline

November

- 4 Coleen McGee
- 10 Norma Boggs

Save The Date

Bin--GO!!!

Friday, November 3
At 6:00 pm

Bring family and friends and join in an evening of fun, fellowship and Bingo!

Popcorn, drinks and prizes will be provided or bring your favorite snack.



You are Invited!



To a Getting to Know Your Neighbors Ice Cream Party!

Date: Saturday, September 23

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Oxford Crossing Picnic Area (near office)

Cost: FREE

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Fall Back!

Nov 5, 2017 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

The Neighbors in Need Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering, that will be collected in September and October, 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 ucc.org/justice, 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.



NEW LIFE CELEBRATION

Love of Creation
September 17, 2017
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Luncheon to follow
Invite family and friends
Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn,
guest preacher



Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn is the founder and director of the UCC/Southern Conference Creation Justice Network, a member of the national UCC's Council for Climate Justice and its steering committee, and the program coordinator for Wake Forest University School of Divinity's Food, Health and Ecological Well-Being program. She is a member at First Congregational UCC in Asheville.