



Mary Henley Lecture Series

For more than 45 years, Dr. James “Mickey” Efird has been training new pastors at Duke Divinity School and teaching Bible studies in churches around the state. For more than 10 years, he has shared his wisdom, insight and knowledge with the people of University United Methodist Church through the Mary Henley Lecture Series. Each Wednesday in March, he will do so again, leading a study on 1 Corinthians. The series established in loving memory of long-time UUMC member Mary Henley will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Amity UMC Wednesdays beginning March 4.



“I met Ms. Henley first when her daughter and she were participants in the Duke Divinity School’s Lay Academy,” Dr. Efirid recalled. “Ms. Henley was an older lady then, and a feisty lady. She was a liberated lady before it was fashionable to be liberated. She was a marvelous lady. Mary was a very, very passionate and interested student of the Bible. She wanted to understand it the way it ought to be understood. She would ask me very insightful questions.”

“I have felt it a great honor to be the Henley speaker,” he said. “Ms. Henley was such a wonderful lady and was so committed to significant Bible study. I am very grateful that they have continued to ask me to come back, sort of surprised after all these years, but very grateful to be a part of honoring her and her legacy.”

While Dr. Efirid speaks very highly of Ms. Henley, he also receives glowing remarks himself.

“He is wonderful,” said Clairbeth Lehn, who has enjoyed listening to and learning from Dr. Efirid for several years. “His is an amazing scholar. He knows the Bible so well. And he’s funny.”

An ordained Presbyterian minister and professor emeritus at Duke Divinity School, Dr. Efirid is affable, intense and passionate about his teaching and his Christian faith. Fluent in Hebrew and Greek, he is a master communicator who uses a folk style to make complex scriptures understandable to pastors and laypeople alike. He is looking forward to studying and sharing 1 Corinthians during the Henley Lecture Series.

“In 1 Corinthians, what you have is Paul answering questions and problems that have been brought to his attention by the folks in Corinth,” said Dr. Efirid. “In 1 Corinthians Paul is trying to deal with their questions – usually a problem of some sort – one right after another. Those questions and problems are very similar to the ones we have today. It’s amazing how similar that church – and the issues that they were wrestling with – is to what we have today.”

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Minister’s Message Setting Priorities

What comes to mind when you think about UUMC’s Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)? Do you think of it as a personnel committee, dealing with job descriptions, policies, assessments? Yes, we do handle personnel matters, and we focus on our title: “relations.” We are charged with being the body of Christ in relationship, helping the clergy/staff negotiate their many responsibilities as they strive to meet the needs of our congregation.

This year we are concentrating on working with our clergy to set priorities in keeping with our shared vision for ministry that will also help them to balance their ministry and personal lives. Both Carl and Suzanne have plans for 2009 that call for them to work with SPRC to identify these priorities. As we work with Carl to establish his, he and SPRC are inviting you, the congregation, to give us your input into what you think they should be. We have a long list for consideration in this discernment process. Some examples are:

- sermon preparation
- worship planning and leadership
- visiting members and visitors
- working with lay leaders
- study
- leading small groups like Bible study
- personal devotional and prayer time
- staff relations
- weddings
- funerals
- visioning for the future of UUMC
- District and Conference ministerial commitment

As you can see, our clergy have many roles and responsibilities, and I’m sure that you could add your own items to this list. In the spirit of building relationships, SPRC welcomes your thoughts and suggestions as Carl builds his “Top Ten List.” What do you feel needs to be the order of our senior pastor’s priorities?

To share your comments, please contact me at 933-1609 or annesass@nc.rr.com by Friday, March 6. SPRC will share its final decision on our senior pastor’s priorities later this year. Also, please feel free to contact me if you would like to communicate with SPRC during the year.

In God’s Service,

Anne

Anne Sassaman
Chair, SPRC

Nurturing Each Other, Caring for our Neighbors

"We tend the Church, nurture each other, and care for our neighbors, known and unknown, near and far."

The sentence above is taken from the University United Methodist Church vision statement. It talks about the church as a whole. It just as easily could be about the United Methodist Women (UMW) of UUMC.

The UMW take great pride in tending the church, nurturing each other and caring for our neighbors. Their purpose set by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church "is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

The women of UUMC are doing just that. The 139 members of UMW meet in monthly circles, groups that get together for fellowship and study. They deepen their relationships with God and each other, offer a network of support, and raise money for missions.

They tend the church, nurture each other, and care for our neighbors. The UMW of UUMC raise money for missions – giving more than \$13,000 to local and world missions last year. They hold fund-raisers throughout the year specifically for that purpose. They organize and host the All-Church Yard Sale; they make and sell Brunswick stew. They host bake sales twice a year and sell poinsettias in December.

But raising money is not all they do to help missions. They also actively support our neighbors in need. On the third Tuesday of every month, one of the circles serves lunch at the Inter-Faith Council Community Kitchen. Every other month a circle has a birthday celebration at the Croasdaile Village retirement center. The UMW host a variety of receptions throughout the year and they cook for College Café.

On March 1, we will celebrate UMW Sunday at University UMC. The women of UMW will help lead worship that day, serving as greeters, ushers and lectors. They'll also host an informational reception before and after the 10:55 a.m. service in the West Parlor.

All women who attend UUMC are invited to join the UMW. For more information or to learn how you can get involved, please contact Pam Grantham (929-4692, pfgrantham@nc.rr.com) or Pat Lopp (968-3467, pglopp@mind-spring.com).

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As he has honored Mary Henley during the lecture series in her memory, Dr. Efrid has also enjoyed a tradition of hospitality in her honor over the years.

"Mary Henley was very hospitable," he said. "She lived out in the country, she had a garden and she was always saying 'If you come to visit me, I'll make you a blackberry cobbler.' Unfortunately, I was so busy I never got over there to avail myself on that marvelous cuisine that she was generous with. Now, since I never got there to get it, almost every year when we get through with the lectures, somebody makes me a blackberry cobbler. My wife and I have enjoyed that tradition."

Welcome New Members

University United Methodist Church is a thriving Christ-centered community that is continuously growing and changing. In February, three new members joined our church family. Please help us welcome our new friends to UUMC.



Charlie & Allie Jacobson

Charlie and Allie Jacobson moved to Chapel Hill from White Bear Lake, Minn., in October, when Charlie began work as a patent attorney for Cree. Originally from South Dakota, Charlie has a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Florida and a law

degree from the University of Illinois. He enjoys hunting, fishing and time with his family. A Minnesota native, Allie graduated from the University of Minnesota and worked in sports management. She currently stays home with their two sons, 5-year-old Braedyn and 2-year-old Cooper. The couple is expecting their third child in June. When time permits, Allie enjoys running and writing.



Scott Bates

Born and raised in New York, Scott Bates graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in psychology. A tax professional with H&R Block, Scott is hoping to go to graduate school to pursue a degree in accounting. He enjoys hiking and reading in his spare

time. He is engaged to be married to Alyssa Roberts next January.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper.

We hope you will join us on February 25 for one of two Ash Wednesday services. We will worship at UUMC in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. and at Amity UMC at 7:00 p.m. in a joint service featuring music by our Jubilee Choir.

Worship and Prayer in the Celtic Tradition

On Friday, March 6, Christians around the globe will pause to pray and worship in recognition of World Prayer Day. The UUMC family and friends will have the opportunity to participate in this international celebration through “Worship and Prayer in the Celtic Tradition.”

A Celtic worship service will kick off the evening at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will feature music on the Celtic harp by Jane Pope.

“The Celtic harp is a folk version of the kind of harp you’d see in a symphony orchestra,” Pope said. “It’s a beautiful instrument that seems to speak to people’s hearts. It’s an ancient instrument that can truly pull things out of your depth. The Celtic harp is a very expressive instrument. It’s a gentle instrument. It’s an instrument you hug while you’re playing it. You put your arms around it and it leans against your shoulder. It’s a very intimate thing and I think that carries through the music. It’s almost like it’s not something you do to it; it’s something that flows out of it through you.”

“Celtic music is the sort of music that always makes you want to cry or dance,” Pope continued. “It’s one or the other; sometimes it’s both. That’s part of speaking to the heart. It’s not music that you think about; it’s music that you respond to.”

The Celtic worship service will be followed by an hour of silence starting at 8:30 p.m. Prayer cards with the names of every church member will be available. A prayer vigil will continue through the night.

On Saturday morning, March 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Sharon Coop will give a presentation on Celtic spirituality. She will talk about how Celtic thinking created differences in the characteristics and practice of Christianity in Ireland, Scotland and some of Europe.

“We will have some Celtic music, Celtic blessings and I will share some of what I learned about Celtic spirituality through books, workshops and a Celtic pilgrimage to Ireland,” said Coop. “We will conclude the hour with Celtic prayers and chants that will prepare our hearts to go into the prayer vigil for the congregation.”

An hour of silence Saturday morning will conclude the World Day of Prayer commemoration.

Spotlight on IFC: Serving the Hungry and Homeless Among Us

Since 1963, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has been serving the hungry and homeless in our community. Partnering with caring individuals, congregations and other local organizations, the IFC is striving to overcome homelessness, hunger and poverty.

The needs of the community continue to grow, but so, too, does the support of the community. That support is essential to the IFC as it provides basic needs to men, women and children.

The Community House provides food and assistance for 4,000 families annually. In the last fiscal year, the Community House served more than 87,000 meals and relied on the assistance of more than 500 volunteers.

IFC Services

COMMUNITY HOUSE

Offers 24-hour emergency shelter for men.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Delivers services to households and individuals including information, referrals, food pantry and financial support.

FOOD PROGRAMS

Community Kitchen: Offers three hot and nutritious meals per day, 365 days a year, free of charge to Community House residents and other community members.

Food Pantry: Supplies groceries to households.

HOMESTART

Offers housing for homeless women and children.

HEALTH SERVICES

Robert Nixon Free Clinic for the Homeless provides medical and mental health services to guests at Community House and Homestart.

The Community Shelter in Chapel Hill is a men’s residential facility with 30 beds and floor space for 20. It is open 365 days a year and features a community kitchen, free medical clinic and job mentoring program.

Homestart in Chapel Hill provides emergency services to 50 homeless women and children at a time.

Perhaps the most important recent development for the IFC has been the creation of a new partnership with UNC, which is donating land on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard for IFC’s new men’s residential facility.

The IFC is serving “the least of these brothers” as Jesus calls us to do in the 25th chapter of Matthew. Through its partnership with the IFC – donating funds, food, time and talents – UUMC is serving others in the name of Christ.

Sympathy to...

• **Tremayne Goff** at the death of his mother.

• **Bob and Sandy Simmons** at the death of their grandson.

• Family and friends of former UUMC pastor **The Reverend Charles Hubbard** at his death.

Prayers for...

• **Lance and Abby Kimbrough** at the miscarriage of their daughter.

Applause to...

• **Ruth Wood**, who reads to the 3-year-old preschool class every month at University United Methodist Preschool.

• **The Reverend Bill Gattis** for preaching on February 8.

• **Ski trip chaperones**, especially **Marian Cranford** for sitting in the ER with an injured skier.

• **The children’s council** for hosting the Father-Daughter Valentine’s Dance on February 13.

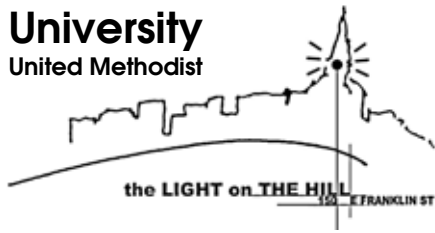
• **Florence Peacock** for singing a solo at both worship services on February 15.

• **The scouts of Troop 39 and Pack 39** for all of their help with the worship service and lunch on Scout Sunday, February 8.

Parking: **Hill Hall & Utility Lots**

There will be no usage conflicts with the university for the Hill Hall, Utility and Porthole Alley parking lots on February 22, March 1 or March 8. Watch future *Chimes* for additional parking updates.

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Sundays

Worship 8:30 and 10:55 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday–Sunday closed

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Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor Rev. Carl King
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Dir. of Christian Education
& Children’s Ministry Beth Alexander
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..... Jim McConnell
Minister of Administration Don Hunter

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Women’s Bible Study	Wednesdays	sdornsmith@chapelhilluumc.org
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Adults’ and Children’s Choirs	Thursdays	tbaker@chapelhilluumc.org
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Creative Hands	2nd & 4th Thursdays	balexander@chapelhilluumc.org
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The Life of the Church

Each issue of the *Chapel Chimes* comes with this page of information about what is going on in the life of the church. For more information about opportunities with our ministries or missions, please visit us on the web at www.chapelhilluumc.org. To submit news to include in *The Life of the Church*, please contact Melanie McCullough at mmccullough@chapelhilluumc.org or 929-7191.

Children's Bible Study: We invite all 2nd-5th graders to join us for Bible Study on March 1 and 15. We meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room 208 and ask that children bring \$3 to help cover the costs of pizza and crafts. Questions? Contact Beth Alexander (929-7191 ext. 22 or balexander@chapelhilluumc.org) or Carol Walker (493-7182).

Parent Fellowship for parents and children (through 3 years old) meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the nursery. This is a great opportunity for our children and their parents to develop friendships with fellow church members. Questions? Contact Beth (balexander@chapelhilluumc.org or 929-7191).

Grief and Loss Support Group: The Grief and Loss Support Group will offer support and comfort for those who have lost a loved one. It will meet Sunday afternoons at 1:30 from February 22 through April 5 in the UUMC Brides' Room. For more information, please contact Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith (929-7191) or Scott Glasser (244-7322).

Project 5000: Since 2002, members of UUMC have filled more than 4,000 Project 5000 boxes with basic food staples valued at more than \$100,000 for distribution to our neediest neighbors through the IFC and Robeson County Church and Community Center. In this time of increasing financial stress, help those most in need by filling Project 5000 boxes. Lists and boxes will be available at the church starting Sunday, February 22.

Young Adult Women: Are you looking for spiritual fellowship, meeting new people, making connections or just some time out from a busy day? Please join us for an informational meeting to discuss how we (the young adult women at UUMC) can make this happen! Just bring yourself and your IDEAS Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. to the Caribou Coffee meeting room (corner of Estes and Franklin). Contact Bethany Beale (bethanybeale@hotmail.com or 929-8990) with any questions.

Habitat Work Day: We have partnered with 11 other area churches to help build a new Habitat for Humanity home for Luis Cruz, Edith Sanchez and their three young children: Nanci, Katherine and Luis. Our next work day will be Saturday, February 28. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tate and Terry Hamlet (929-6550 or thamlet@bellsouth.net).

Journeys of the Heart: On Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m.-noon, Rev. Molly Shivers will lead "Journeys of the Heart," a Sacred Arts Series workshop on altered books in the Fellowship Hall. An altered book is any book, old or new, that is manipulated to create an original work of art. Altered books can be painted, stamped, collaged, inked, drilled, glued, beaded, folded, cut . . . there is no limit to the possibilities. Workshop participants will learn a sampling of basic altered book techniques and have a chance to create their own altered book pages. Participants need to bring a hardback book to be manipulated, scissors, glue stick and a creative "stash" (paint, markers, pens, paper, stickers, etc.). The cost is \$10. RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 25, and indicate if you will need child care.

The Faces of the IFC: Please join Chris Moran, the IFC staff, volunteers and former clients on Sunday, March 1, for one of two informative presentations and Q&A sessions on little-known services provided by the IFC, an update on the progress being made on the new men's shelter and plans for the Community Kitchen as well as some compelling stories of former shelter and Project Homestart clients. The hour-long sessions will be in the Grumman Chapel starting at 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. We will also recognize the many UUMC members that volunteered many hours of their valuable time for the IFC during 2008. If you did, please contact Paul Schwenke (fritz@nc.rr.com or 933-1474) as soon as possible. Give him your name, a brief description of what you did for the IFC and your best estimate of the total number of hours you volunteered during the past year. Don't be bashful!

Choir Concert: The Emory & Henry College Choir will perform in our sanctuary on Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and definitely worth making a part of your evening plans. If you'd like to house a few of these college students for that evening, please contact Tim Baker (929-7191, ext. 17).

Panama Mission Trip: The 2009 Panama mission trip will be a one-week medical and construction mission, July 10-19, to Chiriqui Province. Cost for the trip, including all expenses and airfare, is \$1,700, with application materials and deposit due May 3. Contact Jan Sassaman at jan.sassaman@gmail.com or 933-1609 for additional information or to be put on the Panama e-mail list.

Fellowships of Eight: UUMC is once again organizing dining together groups called Fellowships of Eight. This is a fun way to get acquainted with members of our church family. Learn who is behind the name tag in the pew behind you! Singles, couples and families, sign up and plan to share three meals together: pot luck, gourmet or anything in between. UMW will set up and organize the groups. Dine together and develop new friendships: A delightful duo in every way! Look for more information and a sign-up form in the *Chimes Notes* on an upcoming Sunday.

Upcoming JOY Activity: On Thursday, March 26, we will travel to Sanford to have lunch at Miss Lacy's and take in a performance at the Temple Theatre. *Moonlight and Magnolias*, a comedy about the making of the movie *Gone with the Wind*, is the show on the bill. Contact Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith (929-7191) if you have any questions.

Eden Care asks you to consider partnering with a local farm through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). By making a financial commitment to a farm, folks become "shareholders" of the CSA and receive a weekly basket of fresh produce "in season." A CSA season typically runs from late spring through early fall. A subscription varies from \$250 to about \$500 depending on the amount/distribution of produce. To learn more, visit www.localharvest.org. Enter your zip code to access information about local farms offering the CSA option. Note that pick-up for the produce is usually at a local farmers' market, but some farms offer home delivery for an extra charge.