

THE CONNECTION

HAPPY EASTER from
College Place UMC

May 21, 2025

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 25: Sixth Sunday of Easter, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

June 1: Ascension of the Lord Sunday, Communion, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

June 8: Pentecost Sunday, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

June 15: Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, Communion, Worship at 11 am, Sanctuary

Greetings from our new Pastor The Reverend Phil Kuntz



Hi CPUMC!,

My name is Phil Kuntz and I will be your new pastor starting in July. In time, we'll get to know each other, but for now I'd like to offer this brief introduction!

My wife, Emma, and I are thrilled for the opportunity to serve in Greensboro. Emma grew up here and together we moved to Greensboro in 2016. We have two kids, Edie (6) and Thomas (3). I am from Atlanta, but haven't looked back. Emma works full time as a trainer for a tech company whose software monitors trucking service events.

I am active in Greensboro's tennis community. My family and I love to hike and explore parks (Emma used to be a park ranger!). I love books/studies and would love to read something with y'all and talk about it.

I want you to know that the beginning of my ministry with you will be a "sponge" period. I am so excited to soak in the culture, get to know you, and internalize what you (we) are all about as a community. My goal for us is to work together, in God's grace, to help Greensboro look more like God's Kingdom.

Pastor Jason has been so kind in helping to facilitate the transition. My family is praying for you and for him as the next phase begins.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Philip Kuntz

Planning a Fond Farewell for Dr. Harvey

June 15th, Father's Day, is Pastor Jason's last sermon at College Place.

Mark your calendar for a **covered dish luncheon** in appreciation of his ministry after worship on June 15th.

We will be receiving a love offering for his move from now until June 8.

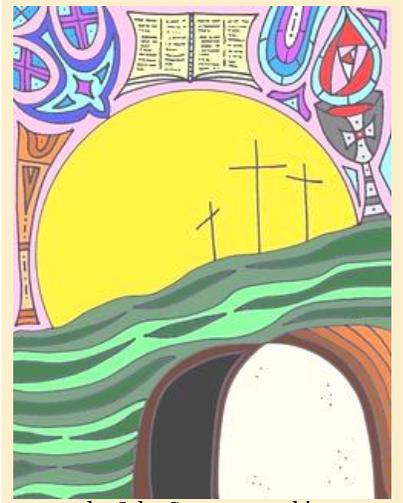
A Prayer for regular use during this transition time

Almighty God, change is bittersweet. In order to change we are forced both to leave something behind and to embrace something new. Grant us the grace on this day to do both with humility. Help us affirm the good things of our past as we lean into a future where there will also be good things. As we contemplate the changes that will come, remind us that all good things come from you.

Today we commit ourselves to the necessary work ahead.

Be present with us, work in us, and through us, we pray. Amen.

-Safiyah Fosua, General Board of Discipleship



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LOOKING AHEAD

June 11th Martha's Table

June 15 Trinity Sunday,
Peace with Justice Sunday,
and Father's Day

Adult Sunday School Classes

Each Sunday at 9:50 a.m.

Room 105 study: *Light from Many Lamps.*

"Searchers" class in the Chapel: Hamilton's study —*Moses.*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Gene, Margaret Ann and Chester, Beth, Betty, Teresa Sowinski (Don Ray's Daughter), Eileen Wilkinson, Carol Deaton, Linda Miskovich, Miriam Herin

Communities effected by the hurricane, People of Ukraine, the people of Israel, Gaza, & Sudan, Peace, National & International Leaders, Students, Teachers, Professors & Staff of Peck Elementary & other schools, UNCG and GC, Medical, Military, & Law Enforcement personnel, state, county, & city government leaders, our Bishop, Ken, & our District Superintendent, Bev, & continued prayers for our congregation, Pastor Parish Relations Committee, church staff & pastoral transition.

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, call or e-mail office@collegeplaceumc.com the Church office. Prayer requests generally run for four weeks, unless on-going circumstances.

OUR VISION

We seek to be a Christ centered, diverse community open to everyone as they are. We believe all people are worthy of being loved and worthy of loving others. We strive to show God's grace, make disciples, and change the world with our hands, our hearts, our minds, and our words.

ALL ARE WELCOME

We are a diverse community welcoming all persons and embracing differences of age, racial and ethnic background, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental ability. We invite all to join our journey of faith toward greater love, hope, and acceptance in every aspect of our Christian life together.



[Lunch Bunch Fellowship Opportunity](#)

We've had some nice conversations at lunch so let's gather again: **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at noon**



Jason's Deli, Friendly Center

If you know you'll be there, please call the office or email office@collegeplaceumc.com to let us know.



[Thanks for the Flood Buckets!!](#)

Thanks to our congregation's efforts and Mission/Outreach and UWif's leadership, we have 12 buckets ready for delivery soon. We'll bless them at worship on June 1.

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Opportunities to Help Others

[UWif May Project](#)



By purchasing Church World Service blankets, you provide hope and love to those facing challenging times. The blankets are sent to all areas of the World and throughout the U.S.

The United Women in Faith will receive donations to purchase blankets through CWS throughout the month of May. The price has not changed, \$10.00 each! *We have received over \$700 so far this month.* You may make a contribution throughout the month. *The next UWif meeting is June 10 at 10 a.m.*



[Special Offerings for Western NC](#)

We continue to receive offerings for "**Hurricane Relief**" and forward the resources along for the work of our Annual Conference in the NC Mountains. Financial gifts to support ongoing relief is best. *College Place has raised over \$3000 in 2025.*

And of course continue to hold residents, first responders, and repair persons in your prayers.