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# The CONGREGATIONAL CHRONICLE

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## Moderator's Views

As I start to write my first Chronicle column as moderator, I am somewhat overwhelmed by lack of knowledge of what this job is all about. At the same time I am excited by what I see as the possibilities before us. Ed Argue has quietly and efficiently performed in this role for the last two years, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service. We have made significant progress particularly in the last year. There has been financial progress, progress in serving the less fortunate in our community and progress in reaching out with our mission dollars. We have an impressive cadre of new members who are enthusiastic and committed to the mission of this church. I see a lot of opportunity to continue and increase our work in the area of social justice. There is just so much to be done.

So I will be feeling my way along in this position called Moderator. I will welcome your suggestions and support. I have faith that, together, we can continue on this path to spiri-

tual enlightenment and service to our world.

Mark Fagerlin, Moderator

## Annual Meeting Update

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29, the following slate of officers was presented and elected:

Moderator: Mark Fagerlin

Assistant Moderator: Nancy Irving

Clerk: Martha Hogenboom

Treasurer: Ron Miller

Assistant Treasurer: Shirley Retzsch

The possible rental by MCC Sacred Journey was passed with an overwhelming majority.

The 2012 Budget was presented and amended to include a 3% cost of living adjustment for all the staff: the minister, the administrator/musician, and the custodians. Ed Argue was congratulated on his job this past year and offered hearty applause as he adjourned the meeting.

## History of Marriage as presented at Adult Forum

Did you know ...

The popular Big White Wedding, with the ceremony held in the church sanctuary, the bride in white, her attendants escorted by groomsmen, the party with the special cake, began when Victoria married Albert in England in the 19th century. She wore a white satin gown with an ornate veil; brides copied her style and it became an important part of the dream of a perfect wedding.

Between the 10th century and the 19th century, most Christian weddings were family affairs, especially among the middle and lower classes. The families generally arranged the marriage, and the participants often had little voice in the decision.

Before the 10th century, marriage was a contract between families, tribes, or nations (depending on the social class involved), and the church was not involved. The reasons for marriage often included becoming allies against stronger or threatening neighbors, and increasing the flocks, herds, lands and wealth of the families or tribes.

For several centuries, contracts were sealed by marriage of a representative of one royal family to a representative of the other royal family. Alas, when the contracts were broken, the cities, states, or countries often went to war. Wanting to keep peace, the Church began the practice of inviting God to witness the vows of the two families/nations. The assump-

tion was that with God as a witness, the contract would be kept. The sacrament was generally performed on the porch of the church, outside the sanctuary. It was eventually moved into the sanctuary and became a more solemn event.

Gradually, the nobility began to use the same practice, and it trickled down through the merchant and middle classes. The lower classes were not considered worthy of the sacrament for quite a long time, but eventually they, too, participated.

As this country was settled, clergy were not readily available except along the Eastern seaboard. When families began moving westward, the couple was married before starting the journey, often within hours of departure. During the mid-19th century, itinerant (traveling) clergy might come through a town every few months or years. When a minister or priest showed up, couples came to be married, bringing their children to be baptized. Funerals were held during the minister's stay in the town as well, although burial of both children and adults had occurred within a few days of the death. Diaries of families traveling west often include notations such as "Stopped for the night by a creek. Buried the baby and went on in the morning. 10 miles. A good day."

In the United Church of Christ, as in most of the mainline Protestant denominations, marriage is not a sacrament. The marriage of two persons is often celebrated with family and friends as witnesses. During the ceremony, in addition to the vows the couple makes to each other, family members and the congregation

### *Gifts Received in Memory of:*

**Olive Adams**

Marilyn Brain  
Bob & Nadene Spear  
Leona M. Messenger  
Bob & Mary Schneider

**Rev. Edwin R. Weidler**

Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins

**Elaine Laney**

Clay Eddleman  
Yvonne Kyker

### Did you know....

We now have a 60" LED HDTV in the Fellowship Hall.

**Richard Weidler** has been elected Vice-president of the Interfaith Assistance Ministry Board of Directors for 2012, as well as being elected Convener of HCCU for 2012.

**Mary Alice Hansen** has moved from the Lifecare Center to The Bridge of Lake Pointe Landing.

**Andrew Weidler** now works at Sixth Avenue Rehabilitation Partners (Sixth Avenue Club House) as a Rehab Therapist.

**Church Office  
Hours  
Monday-12 Noon - 3  
Tues thru Fri 9 -3**

## ATTENDANCE

### December

4: 126

11: 123

18: 98

24: 112 (Christmas Eve)

25: 79

### January

1: 82

8: 99

15: 96

22: 102

29: 101

Average Weekly Attendance:

101

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The Rev. Dr. E. Richard Weidler, Pastor  
Beverly A. Ward, Administrator/Musician  
Charles Littleton, Custodian



Note: Most of the following were matching gifts:

From

**Heifer International**

For a goat (\$240)

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From

**Human Relations Council of Henderson County**

Thank you for your generous donation of \$69.37 to support the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast and the scholarships for worthy students at Blue Ridge Community College.

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From

**Four Seasons Compassion for Life**

\$100 matching gift (Louise Vier)  
\$250 matching gift (Mr. & Mrs. Ed Argue, in memory of Lillie E. Kelly)

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From

**St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**

2 matching \$100 gifts

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From

**Interfaith Assistance Ministry**

13 matching gifts totaling \$1,940

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From

**Mainstay**

Various matching gifts not itemized

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From

**Hendersonville Rescue Mission**

4 matching gifts (\$50, \$200, \$200 & \$250)

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From

**Boys & Girls Club**

\$20 gift

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From

**Feed the Kids Coalition**

An unspecified gift

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From

**MemoryCare** (in Asheville)

1 gift of \$50

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From

**ECO** (Environmental & Conservation Organization), Hendersonville—1 matching gift of \$50

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We also received “Thank You” letters from the following:

**Children & Family Resource Center—**

\$1,000 contribution

**Church Women United in Henderson County—**

\$20 contribution

**Church World Service—**

\$700 contribution

**Council on Aging—**

\$500 contribution

**Global Ministries—**

\$1,000 contribution

**Johns River Valley Camp—**

\$750 contribution

**Pisgah Legal Services—**

\$500 contribution

**The North Carolina Council of Churches—**

\$500 contribution

**The UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns—**

\$500 contribution

are invited to promise their support for the couple as they begin the next phase of their life together. God is invoked to bless and support the family as well. The marriage liturgy is filled with joyful celebration and blessings.

The Rev. Barbara M. Rathbun

## Lectionary

### 5th Sun after Epiphany, Feb 5

Theme: Sustaining Ministry

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

### 6th Sun after Epiphany, Feb 12

Theme: Healing Presence

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

### Last Sun after Epiphany, Transfiguration, Feb 19

Theme: Thin Places

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

1 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

### 1st Sun in Lent, Feb 26

Theme: God’s Loving Paths

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

## Ministry of Physical Resource

The Ministry of Physical Resources will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is February 15. Everyone welcome!

The Ministry is pleased to acknowledge the gift of a 5 1/2 h.p. portable gas powered pressure washer from Ron and Claudia Schopper. Although not currently in working order, it has had very little use, and we are confident that once we have waved our magic wand over it, it will become a useful asset to the church’s list of equipment, even if not something we would need every day.

On behalf of the Ministry Nancy Irving and Geoffrey Naylor bought two chairs for the parlor recently from Ashley Furniture in Arden.

## Mission and Service Group

will meet on February 9th at 10:00 am.

This will be an organizational meeting to select a new facilitator and begin the process of allocating the mission dollars. Everyone welcome!

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22, 2012**  
**No special service is planned as of this printing. If we have one, watch for notices in the bulletin.**

## New Members who joined us on Christmas Day

**Gary Cyphers**—Gary, and his wife, Judy, retired to Hendersonville from Alexandria, VA, in mid-2009 and absolutely love it here. His career was in community mental health in Ann Arbor, MI, and directing local human service departments in Evanston, IL, and Alexandria. He tutors three ESL students through the local Literacy Council, and appreciates the FCC letting them use the church's wonderful library for tutoring. He also helps with citizenship classes, and volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the County Library's Home-Bound Book Delivery Program. Gary enjoys hiking, gardening, reading, and anything that involves their Havenese puppy. He is excited about FCC's focus on social justice and mission work, and has been enjoying the Sunday Adult Forums. Gary is joining the UCC denomination after 58 years as a Presbyterian, through a letter of transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church of Hendersonville. Judy is initiating membership at St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church.

**Romella Hart-O'Keefe and Ed O'Keefe**—Romella and Ed were married 21 years ago; they have a blended family of nine children and ten grandchildren from previous marriages. They moved to Mills River eight years ago from western New York. Ordained non-denominational ministers, they have given many workshops and classes in EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques), Huna philosophy and dowsing. They trained the Prayer Chaplains in

Unity churches in Buffalo, NY and locally, in Mills River.

Ed has been a spiritual seeker all his life. He was raised in a large Roman Catholic family in Niagara Falls, NY. As a young man, he studied for the priesthood and spent five years in a monastery community. At age 26, he left the monastery and began a 40-year career in education. For 26 years he worked at a community college in New York State in various administrative positions, including Dean of Academic Affairs, and professor of English.

Ed is a volunteer mediator for the Dispute Settlement Center. He has just finished writing a book on Peak Experiences which will be published in the spring of 2012.

Romella was born in Rapid City, South Dakota. Her missionary parents served churches in South Dakota and Minnesota in her early childhood. Her earliest memories are at the Bishop Whipple Mission on a Lakota reservation where she was nicknamed "Squeeawee" (Little Sweetheart). The family moved to Wisconsin when Romella completed her BA degree in Education and Speech Therapy. She married a UCC seminary student. After his ordination, they served churches in Maine, Michigan and New York.

Romella was a speech therapist, teacher and social services manager for many years, ending her work career in 1999 when she retired from her position as Director of Early Intervention for Children with Disabilities which serviced some 4,000 children in the Buffalo area.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays—February 2012

- 1: Virginia Frost
- 3: Courtney Pinard
- 5: Robert Koopman
- 9: Curt Cline
- 17: Mary Woolsey
- 19: Mary Alice Higgins
- 24: Henry Diehl
- 26: Grace Berray (101)

### Anniversaries—February

- 3: Clint & Mary Ann Byrd
- 7: Milton & Jeannie Stewart
- 14: Mary Burson & Carole Kaiser
- 15: Roger & Mary Woolsey
- 21: Dick & Pat Naylor



### **FREE AARP**

#### **Electronic Filing and Tax Return Preparation**

For Elderly, Younger, Spanish-speaking  
At Blue Ridge Mall (next to Saslow's Jewelers)

January 30—April 17, 2012

No appointments, first come, first served

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

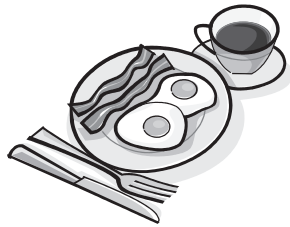
Amended returns: April 18-19 (by appointment only)

## BREAKFAST WITH THE GUYS

Men of the church meet at  
**Dixie Diner**  
Wednesday,

February 8th

at 8:30 am



*Sign up on the bulletin board  
in the reception area.*



## Fellowship Supper

Do you know what the Chamber of Commerce does for our community? What are the primary sources of income for our county? Bob Williford President of the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce will be the speaker at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fellowship Supper and will answer these questions and give us more information about the workings of our community.

Eating begins at 6:00 and the talk will follow. Everyone is invited. Please bring a covered dish for eight and cups, plates and silverware for yourselves. To be sure that enough tables are set up please sign up on the first or second Sunday before the meeting or call the church office. Please join us.

Remember to bring a food item for IAM.

## Transition Hendersonville's Wednesday Night at the Movies

"The World We Choose" - February 15, 6 pm  
Black Bear Café, 318 Main Street

This movie explores the convergence of the end of cheap oil, climate change and economic uncertainty and how rising from the ashes of the old are vibrant communities who are unleashing themselves from dependency on false notions of growth and reliance on oil and re-learning how to become resilient, self-reliant communities.

She is an avid reader, teaches water aerobics, and enjoys creative cooking and knitting. She is an active member of Project Linus, The Guidepost Knitting Project and WNC Knitters and Crocheters for Others.

**Roger Smith**—Roger moved from Sullivan's Island, SC, to Flat Rock in May of 2010, eager to escape the heat of the Low Country. Roger has deep roots in Charleston, and he was the first member of his family to attend school or establish full-time residence outside South Carolina, though his grandparents vacationed in Flat Rock every summer for years.

Roger went to boarding school in New Hampshire, then college in Massachusetts, the start of a life's journey that has featured living, working, and/or attending school in fourteen states and several foreign countries, including stints with the US Army in Vietnam and Germany, and graduate study at Oxford in England. Although he had a brief career as a trusts and estates lawyer in New York City, Roger spent most of his professional life working in private schools, including boarding schools, in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, California, on Long Island, and in Savannah, Georgia, usually as an English teacher, administrator, or college counselor. Though primarily retired, he continues to work as an educational consultant, and currently serves on the board of a private school in the Charleston area.

Roger says he was drawn to the Flat Rock/Hendersonville area by the mountains, and the fact that Maralee's parents have lived here for about ten years. Maralee and Roger both enjoy hiking, mountain-biking, kayaking, tennis and

golf, and traveling by land, sea, and air. Roger has also spent many summers in Maine and sailing up and down the East coast, from Maine to the Caribbean.

Raised in a relatively conservative German-Lutheran family and church, but evolved into somewhat of a free-thinker from too much schooling and reading, Roger was initially attracted to First Congregational Church to hear Bishop Spong, and concluded that any church sponsoring such a stimulating speakers' series was worth exploring further. Soon he was drawn in by the church's welcoming, inquiring spirit and its members' genuine warmth, and now looks forward to putting down roots and getting involved in this intriguing community.

### **Gary & Judy Cyphers**

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The following article appeared in the Hendersonville Times-News on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 as "Be Our Guest" editorial:

### "Struggle against the status quo continues"

By Richard Weidler

"I often find when decent treatment for the Negro is urged, a certain class of people hurry to raise the scarecrow of social mingling and inter-marriage. These questions have nothing to do with the case. And most people who kick up this kind of dust know that it is simple dust to obscure the real question of rights and opportunities... We want and are entitled to the basic rights and opportunities of American citizens...."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Letter to the Editor, *Atlanta Constitution*, August 6, 1946

The above letter was written early on in Dr. King's quest to gain equality for his African American sisters and brothers. Sixty-five years later, we are engaged in a similar struggle for civil rights for a minority group of citizens. This minority group feels the pain of discrimination not because of their skin color, as Dr. King experienced, but because of their sexual orientation. However, our struggle today is not so unlike Dr. King's; it is a struggle against the same house of cards called "The Status Quo" whose foundation is "Tradition" and whose walls are the same fear, hatred, and bigotry against which Dr. King so powerfully spoke. Dr. King ultimately gave his life so that the truth might cause those walls to fall and the tradition to be washed away by truth

which revealed African Americans for who they truly are: beloved children of God, and U.S. citizens equally protected under the Constitution.

I, not unlike Dr. King, often find "when decent treatment for" homosexuals "is urged, a certain class of people [presently represented by many fear-filled and bigoted members of the State House in Raleigh] hurry to raise the scarecrow" of preserving the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, arguing that gay marriage would somehow harm straight marriage. These fear-inducing statements have "nothing to do with the case. Most people who kick up this kind of dust want to obscure the real" issue: treating all of our citizens fairly, equally, and justly, period.

Human love is a gift of God freely given. Whom one loves and chooses to spend their life with should not be legislated from Raleigh, nor should it be decided by a majority of voters. If two heterosexual citizens are blessed to fall in love, the State blesses their love with the right to marry. With this right of marriage comes innumerable benefits provided by the State (e.g. the right to file income taxes jointly, sharing of Social Security benefits, being "legal next of kin" in all matters including access to hospital ICUs, along with numerous other financial and legal benefits). If two people of the same gender are blessed to fall in love and wish to make it a legal relationship through marriage—with all of the benefits that marriage affords—is it right, fair, and just for the State to deny them the same benefits afforded two other citizens who happen to be

## FCC Book Club

The FCC Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 16th, at 2:00 pm in the library. Louise Vier will be the discussion leader for *In An Instant* by Lee and Bob Woodruff. There are several copies of this book in the public library.

Our March selection is *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

All are welcome to attend. For information please contact Janice Walters, 696-3177.

## New Bridge Group

We have received enough responses about a possible UCC bridge group to be able to use/play three tables. That is sufficient to start—hoping that it might grow in the future.

For now we will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30 to 6:30 on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact Ron and Claudia Schopper for further information or to answer any questions (697-1569).

## Theology Study Group

has suspended its studies for now.



## Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, February 13th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Following a catered lunch, Monte Carlo Whist will be played. Don't stay away if you have not played it—it is easy and a lot of fun. Sign up in the reception area and take this opportunity for camaraderie and to get to know one another better.

Nancy Irving is hosting.

## The Quilters Group...

**The Piece Makers** will meet at the church on Wednesday, February 15th, at 12:00 noon. Please consider joining in what is sure to be a fun and inspiring endeavor—and, by the way, no previous experience is needed!



## Pictorial Directory Now

**Online:** If you want the password to access the directory, ask Bev ([fccucc2@bellsouth.net](mailto:fccucc2@bellsouth.net)) or Pat Argue ([pkargue@gmail.com](mailto:pkargue@gmail.com)). Then go to our website, [www.fchhendersonville.org](http://www.fchhendersonville.org) and click on the streaming banner, which will take you to the password page. Please **check your listing** for any additions or corrections, then notify Bev or Pat of them so they may be corrected and also go in the next Chronicle issue.



## Focus on Forum

We thank our excellent December and January presenters for their enriching, informative programs. Our

February schedule begins on the 5th at 9:15 a.m. with Rep. Chuck McGrady who'll speak on "Being a Moderate in Contentious Times." He'll discuss legislative accomplishments and then speak of how a centrist survives in the current political climate.

On February 12th and 19th our own Karel Bodamer will share her testimony on "The Journey from The Good Girl to an Out-of-the Box Believer," as a reformed Preacher's Kid to the Healer/Helper she was destined to become in her on-going search for Wholeness. She will share her direct experiences of healing modalities and will concentrate on her 4-year program with the Barbara Brennan School of Healing ([www.barbarabrennan.com](http://www.barbarabrennan.com)). Other modalities will be discussed and questions/experiences are encouraged. Among the topics will be: What is healing and energy work? Who benefits from this work? What does a session look like?

On February 26th and March 4th, John Snodgrass, Biblical scholar and author will return to discuss the process and production of his new book, "Genesis and the Rise of Civilization." He'll also include a presentation called "Abraham Went: Faith at the Crossroads" about a merchant abandoning civilization for the rough frontier of Canaan.

Remember, all points of view are welcome... no correct doctrine required. A FORUM is just that...an open exchange of views. Join us at any time. No pre-requisite attendance or courses necessary. Continue to be ready, willing and eager on Sundays at 9:15 for these spirited opportunities for growth and learning. ALL ARE WELCOME, so plan to attend and spread the word near and far about our great sessions.

Ministry to Members and Friends

## LIBRARY NOTES

Never visited The First Congregational UCC library? There is a little something for everyone. You will find a wide selection of books, DVD's and CD's related to varying aspects of Christian theology, as well as print and media resources related to other world religions. There are also books on global issues such as poverty and the environment. Need a little light hearted entertainment? Check out the fiction section, or perhaps a movie. Missed a Sunday sermon? There are recordings of each Sunday's sermon to the right as you enter the library. Have a VCR that has grown dusty from disuse? Look above the sermon CDs and you will find a fine selection of VHS tapes that would love to be checked out.

Thanks, Carla Cline, Librarian

different genders, solely because that has been the past tradition?

Years ago past tradition meant that blacks and whites could not drink from the same public drinking fountain, could not use the same public restrooms, could not sit together in the same theatre, could not attend the same schools. Today we whites look back on that time of history with embarrassment and shame. In hindsight we have no doubts as to the injustice of such bigoted and discriminatory practices enforced by unjust laws. At present it is already illegal for persons of the same gender to marry in North Carolina. While I and many other Christians believe this is unjust, to codify this into the Constitution of North Carolina would not only be extraordinarily hurtful to many of our fellow citizens of this great state, but would be mean-spirited and hateful, causing the further institutionalization of injustice and discrimination not unlike the racist laws and practices a half century ago which Dr. King fought to overturn.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, every North Carolinian will be asked to go into the voting booth and decide if our great state will stand for equality and justice for ALL people or if we will "kick up the dust" of our ancestors a half century ago, further exacerbating the already painful wound of bigotry and discrimination caused by the present law.

During this weekend when we joyfully and proudly remember the words and celebrate the life and accomplishments of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, let us truly honor his memory by sending a clear message to Raleigh

in May that our esteemed elected representatives have over-reached. Let us tell them that there is no place in our great state of North Carolina for the practice of bigotry and prejudice, most especially in the State House in Raleigh!

The Rev. Richard Weidler is the pastor of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Hendersonville. He and his wife live in Hendersonville.

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**Sunday, February 19, at**

**3:00 pm at Agusas Israel**

**The Reverend Larry Anderson**

**and**

**Rabbi Phil Cohen in**

**Dueling Clergy**

Reverend Anderson is a fine classical guitarist who plays in several venues around town. He'll play solo, he and Rabbi Cohen will perform together, and then they'll talk about religion, weather, and the best brownie recipes.



## “A Dialogue on Race in Henderson County...Then...and Now!”

Thursday, February 16, 6:30-8:30 pm

Blue Ridge Community Health Services Building (Chimney Rock Road across from Ingles)

Enter large brick building, take elevator to 2nd floor Community Room

A candid, honest dialogue by a multi-racial panel, older and younger, women and men, who will speak to the THEN AND NOW of race issues from their experiences/perspectives living here in Henderson County. “When we truly listen, we understand. When we understand, we respect...and with respect, we can build community together!” This is a first step...there will be more to come! Rev. Michael Carter, Diversity Officer at Mission Hospital, will moderate,

This event is hosted by the League of Women Voters of Henderson County and a multi-racial coalition committee who are also members of the Human Relations Council, Friendship Force. LWWHC, United Religions Initiative, Dept. of Peace and Non-violence, ERANC, Pisgah Legal Services, and Law Enforcement.

For further information please call 693-5257 or 606-5201. Snow Date is Tuesday, February 21.

## The Second Thursday Social Justice Outreach Film Series

of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville.

February 9, 6:00 -7:45 pm

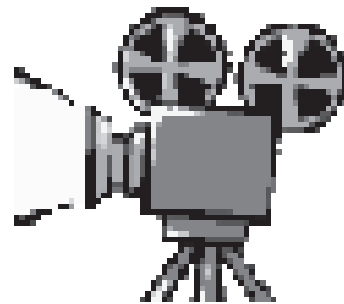
Special program for Black History Month

Film: “Murder in Selma”

The Rev. Clark Olsen, Guest Speaker, who was in Selma for the tragedy.

At Henderson County Public Library

20 Washington Street



**SEE YOU IN CHURCH  
SUNDAY MORNING  
AT 10:30 AM!**

## Congregational Care Group

Our church is a close knit family who care for each other in many ways, sharing our lives and our faith. You are invited to join the Congregational Care Group to learn some effective skills for friending and building community in a way Facebook cannot match.

We are having our second organizational and orientation meeting in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 1:30-3:00 PM. Following this, we will have a series of six skill building sessions on the first and third Tuesday afternoons. Retired psychologist and Stephen Ministry Leader Jean Orost will be the trainer and coordinator for this ministry to one another. Call her at 696-7846 with your questions.

**The Ministry of Worship will meet following Morning Worship next Sunday, February 12th, either in the Library of a corner of the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Persons interested in all aspects of our worship are encouraged to participate: Liturgists, Ushers and Greeters, Deacons duties, Chancel workers, etc.**

Condolences of the congregation are extended to the families and friends of the following who have died recently:

Olive Adams

December 11, 2011

Elaine Laney

January 1, 2012

Edward Wesch

January 17, 2012

## Can You Hear Me Now?



We are pleased that Susanne Woosley has joined the Sound Team! We are still in need of more people on the roster to work at the sound booth, mainly during regular Sunday services, and other special services or programs when the sound system is required. Anyone who is interested, please stop by the sound booth after the services or contact Curt Cline at 606-6718.