

# THE VISITOR

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In her book, *Resisting Structural Evil*, Christian scholar and activist, **Cynthia Loe-Mobeda**, addresses the bind in which American middle-class Christians find themselves.

*...while working on a project for the Lutheran World Federation, I met a leader from India who was assisting tribal people in the state of Orissa in their struggles to halt bauxite mining on their lands. Southern Orissa, one of the poorest regions of India, is home to rich bauxite deposits. The mining operations are forcing tribal people off the lands that have sustained them for centuries and into urban destitution. People by the thousands are losing their homes, villages, sacred lands, community livelihood, and means of maintaining culture. For many, these losses are worse than death. Some have been killed by the repression that met their efforts to organize opposition to the mining operations.*

*As this leader spoke of his people's courage and years of perseverance in seeking to save their homes and culture, I could imagine the many products in my home made with aluminum that could come from Orissa—aluminum cans containing beverages and food, construction materials, electronic parts, car parts. Which of India's urban poor were forced into*



*the city by mines that provide the aluminum in my life?* Reflecting on this further, she writes, "were someone to say, 'Cynthia, shove the tribal people off of their lands in the Orissa province of India and kill the protestors because we need to mine the bauxite from their land,' I would refuse." Indeed, were any of us asked to do such things, we'd say, "no, such acts betray our values, our sense of what it means to be a decent human being." Yet, as Loe-Mobeda acknowledges, we continue to live according to economic practices and policies that effectively, though indirectly, follow these unacknowledged commands.

We don't want young women in **Bangladesh** to work 16-hour shifts for poverty wages, suffer sexual abuse from their managers, and get beaten if they try to organize for a better life. We don't want children working in fields, getting sprayed with poisonous pesticides. Or people exposed to dangerous chemicals as they assemble our car parts and electronic gadgets. That's not right, we say. However, we do need to wear clothes, eat food, transport ourselves, and use various technological devices. So we inevitably purchase and use products that are the fruit of injustice. We find ourselves in a real conundrum as middle-class consumers in a global economy and as Christians seeking to fulfill a mandate for justice.

This raises a disconcerting question: how do we take responsibility for acts that betray our values, our sense of



discipleship, and our faith tradition's core vision of justice and *shalom*? Especially when these harmful acts are not our intent, when they're indirectly related to us, and when their effects occur somewhere else, to people we'll probably never meet, or to parts of the earth we'll probably never live. It's a challenging issue.

But what about at home, in our own community? What about people more directly related to us, in that part of the world in which *we do live*? How do we take responsibility for acts that betray our values, our sense of what it means to be a decent human being, our call to Christian discipleship, and our faith tradition's core vision of justice and *shalom*—right here in the Austin metro area?

Right here in the **Austin** metro area, where *we do live*, who's responsible for the high number of children living in poverty, for several thousand homeless people, for the lack of affordable housing? Who's responsible for making sure workers are paid a living wage, and for ending wage theft and unsafe work conditions for construction workers? Who responsible for all the people lacking health insurance, and for the dignity and well-being of immigrants?

It's far less of a conundrum for us when these issues are pressing on our own community, in that place where *we do live*, because while we don't have much direct power and leverage over what happens in India, Bangladesh, Mexico, or even the tomato fields of Florida, we have far more power and leverage over what happens right here in our own hometown. We can organize with others who live here, take public stands, meet with our **City Council** members, rally and protest, and get-out-the vote on issues that directly affect the quality of life for people in our community. In other words, we have far more responsibility for what happens *right here*.

One of the ways our church helps us live out our Christian discipleship and take responsibility for the quality of life in our community is through our participation in Austin Interfaith. Please be sure to read Warinda Harris' piece about Austin Interfaith and the "house meetings" our church's Austin Interfaith Core team are organizing. The "house meeting" is your opportunity to voice your concerns regarding justice, shared prosperity, and the quality of life right here where we live. Together, and with others active in Austin Interfaith, let's take responsibility for bringing about justice right here, where we do have power and leverage, where *we do live*.

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### Equal Justice Center Mini-Golf

You are invited to the **Equal Justice Center's** anniversary celebration and golf tournament at Peter Pan Mini-Golf on **Thursday, September 26** from 6:30-8:30pm: Enjoy mini-golf, Franklin BBQ, fun and support for EJC's work ensuring employment justice for low-wage working families. See **Whit Bodman** if you'd like to contribute to CCoA's sponsorship of a hole on the golf course. See **Bill Beardall** if you'd like to volunteer or want details.

### Austin Interfaith House Meetings

Our church's Austin Interfaith core team will hold small-group "house meetings" at the church following the service Sept 8, 15, and 22 from 12:30-1:45pm. Join us in one of these "house meetings" to share and discuss what you think are the most vital social and economic justice concerns you want our congregation and Austin Interfaith to addressing in our lives and community. Sign up to participate in one of the house meetings on the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall.



Cathy Hubbs and Christie Kuhner were among those welcoming Rambie and Fran Briggs back into our midst after being out several months due to illness--July 14, 2013.

### Church Leadership

Trustees Chair	John Goff
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## Personals by Pat Oakes

The Goff-Christeson family (John, Gail, Cameron and Megan) spent most of July touring about Europe. The itinerary included **London, Paris, Germany, Venice and Rome**, and travel everywhere was via train. Highlights included: the **Tower of London, Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Montmartre, Louvre, Palace of Versailles, Heidelberg Castle, Piazza San Marco, Castel Sant'Angelo, the Vatican, the Pantheon and the Coliseum**. In Germany they got to stay with Gail's brother and his family, which afforded a bit of welcome down time amidst all the sightseeing. Everyone had a great time and the food was wonderful.



Megan, Gail, Cameron, and John in front of Big Ben in London.

**Bill and Betty Phillips** will be celebrating two major events in September. They were married at the Central Congregational Church in Dallas on **September 7, 1963**, with the **Rev. Arthur Swartz** and the **Rev. Bruce Munro** officiating. The feature of that service was that they were married sitting at a small table. They thought that would be more characteristic of a life together than standing up. It seems to have worked out well for them because this will be their 50th wedding anniversary. On September 10, Bill will reach his 80th year. He was born in the military hospital at Schofield Barracks on the island of Oahu at, what was then, the Territory of Hawaii. Bill has been an ordained minister in the Congregational and UCC church for 54 years and has served churches in **Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, and Wisconsin** and campus ministries at the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** and the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**.

**Steve Domingue and Norma Hawes** had a wonderful time on their trip to Europe. They rented an apartment in **Paris** for their first week, traveled by train to Italy to visit

**Stresa, the Cinque Terre, and Florence**. They stayed with their friend in **Spoletto** and enjoyed the festival and **Umbria** for nearly three weeks, took in Rome, flew back to Paris, rented a car to visit the **Loire Valley, Mont St-Michel** and **Chartres**. Comic misadventures included losing luggage, getting on the wrong train at one point, and terrorizing the Parisians with Steve's driving.



Steve Domingue and Norma Hawes atop the Montparnasse Tower in Paris. Steve notes that it is a terrible building to look at but a great building to look from!

**Nodie Murphy** and her friends from **Round Rock Community Choir, Pat King** and **Becky Ellis** (who have sung at our church many times), went on a Hill Country singing tour in early August. They spent three wonderful days at Pat's home on **Lake Buchanan** and then sang three numbers at **Highland Lakes United Methodist Church** on Sunday on August 4. They reprised their melodic rendition of "*How Can I Keep From Singing*" which they sang recently at the church talent show. On August 6th Nodie was in the hospital having hernia surgery which turned out to be more complicated than first thought. She had an unusual hernia to begin with—and then while the doctor was doing the laparoscopic surgery, he found three more that needed repairs. Nodie was hoping to be back in church on Aug. 25th. She was very sorry to miss **Jonathan Geer's** worship gift on the 18th when he played an exquisite nocturne which he composed ten years ago.

**George Hetrick** went to **Oregon** in **May**, intending to cycle the length of the coast. Unfortunately, Oregon was experiencing one of the wettest Mays on record, and after a couple days of low 50s with a driving rain (and actually going hypothermic), he decided he understood why sensible people do that sort of cycling trip in August. People were friendly, the food was good, and the coast was beautiful.



The rainy, chilly Oregon coast which George Hetrick was bicycle riding along.



8/18/13 Bill Mueller showing his pirate persona.

**Julia (Ross)** will be teaching again at **Hernandez Middle School** in **Round Rock**. She is a special education teacher and also team-teaches language arts in an inclusive classroom. **Robin (Rosson)** is now working for **Mercury Insurance Company**. Of course, his bent runs to music, so he is currently in three local bands, playing cello in one, guitar in another, and bass in another. Their daughter **Samantha** continues to be a delight. She will be two years old in September. She attends a wonderful daycare while her parents are working, and has several friends there. She knows her alphabet, can count, and can spell a few words! Mostly she is a bright and energetic little girl who gives her family great pleasure. We will hear more about their trip to Europe with **Chester Rosson** next month.

**Bill Mueller** has had an interesting summer. Some months ago he developed a bone infection in his right index finger (he is right-handed) that had no known cause. After being on antibiotics for several months, and being told by the doctors that he would have to be on much stronger antibiotics for more than a year (with potential serious side effects), Bill made the difficult decision to have the finger amputated. This was done in July and he has made a good recovery--although he says that his handwriting is atrocious. He admits it never was good--and he can now sign his name legibly. Another problem has been with his right eye--he is having to wear an eye patch in an effort to make the other eye work harder and become stronger. Recently he and **Joan** were in a store and saw a little boy who had stopped stock still who said to his mother, "Mommy, I see a pirate!" Bill laments now that he did not have his wits about him enough to raise his right hand and to tell the boy that he had lost his finger in a sword fight! In mid-August, Joan and Bill enjoyed a trip to **Oakland** to visit Joan's two sisters on their way to **Lake Tahoe**. The four of them arranged to visit en route the sisters' stepbrother whom they had not seen in 25 years. They spent one night at Lake Ta-

hoe and the next day met for lunch with old friends from Long Beach. They drove back to Alameda and spent three more relaxing days with Joan's next sister down.

On Sunday, August 11--a very hot Sunday morning--the air-conditioning was not functioning in the church. **Tom** discovered it when he arrived and immediately called **John Moore**. John came in and found that a fan belt had broken and set out to find one at an auto parts store. In the meantime, **Mel Oakes** and **Dave Ross** arrived and were there when John came back with the new belt. Sadly it was too short. Off to the store went John again, returning with three belts this time. However Mel and John figured out that there was an adjustment mechanism on the fan belt gizmo (note technical term) to account for length variations; they were able to get it working before Tom had to change his sermon from the one he had planned to one on hellfire and brimstone! Thanks, John and Mel!

**Joe McMillan** was in church on July 12, but he has been missing us since then. He reports, "I am still here. Don't give up on me!" He is still recuperating from chemo and radiation and is plagued with low energy and no appetite. His doctors says he will be feeling well in a few months--we are all looking forward to that!



Dennis Murphy welcoming Joe McMillan back into our midst on July 21st. Joe has been out of commission for several months while on chemo and radiation.



Cathy Hubbs, paternal grandmother of the groom, and Choy-Tak, maternal grandfather, cut loose on the dance floor at Eric and Erika's wedding reception in Coral Gables on August. 10, 2013.

**Rambie and Fran Briggs's** health was much improved by visits from their son **Jonathan** and wife **Jan** and granddaughter **Margit**. Jonathan and Jan came one week and enjoyed two days of cooler weather (only in the 90's). Margit was here the week we enjoyed (!) days of 105 degrees. Nevertheless, she and they had a good time boating along with the **Fracasso** children and mother **Paula**. Paula and **Giovanni** skied and Margit and Stella had fun on the kneeboard and tube. **Fran** managed the long trek to the lake and back with no difficulty.

**Cathy Hubbs** had a wonderful time at her grandson **Eric's** wedding in **Coral Gables, Florida**. Eric is the son of her son **John** and his wife **Doris**. Eric married **Erika Ronquillo** (Eric and Erika!) with Erika's dog as the ring bearer! Daughter **Laura** arrived in Austin on Tuesday, they flew to Miami on Thursday where they met daughter **Ann** and other family members, the rehearsal dinner was on Friday evening, the wedding was on Saturday evening, Cathy and Laura returned to Austin on the 11th and Laura went home on the 15th. **Cathy**, the paternal grandmother and **Choy-Tak**, maternal grandfather, cut loose during the reception and enjoyed the dancing. Since both had put aside their canes, they weren't allowed to dance very long, but they had a great time--as this photo from Ann's iPhone attests.

There were lots of travels in the **Nash** family this summer. **Reuel and Liz** went to Paris and then on a cruise on the **Seine** for several days in mid-June. They stayed for four nights at a rented apartment in **Montmartre**. Probably the best part of that time was spending an evening with **Ellie's** host family from her semester there: no common language except **Fanou** (the mom) speaks a fair amount of Spanish and a little English. Liz speaks a fair amount of **Spanish**, and Reuel brought Google translate on his computer. And, of course, they enjoyed good food all the time they were in that magnificent city. The trip on the **Seine**,

besides good food and company, included stops at **Giverny** to see Monet's home and gardens, **Rouen** - when there were tall ships on the river from around the world, a fortress of Richard the Lionhearted, other lovely towns, and (the highlight) a tour of **Normandy D-Day** sights. **Liz** took off her shoes and put her feet in the water at **Omaha Beach**. As children of fathers who survived service in the Pacific in **WWII**, they were especially moved during their visit to the **American Cemetery** overlooking **Omaha Beach** on Father's Day. Liz also went on the youth mission trip to **Reach Beyond Mission** in Houston and to the **UCC General Synod** (as a delegate) in **Long Beach** in June. In July and August, their whole family (at various times) spent time in at their extended family home in the **Berkshires**. There was a lovely celebration of **Annie's** and **Sooner Dawson's** (Annie's boyfriend) college celebration given by **Sooner's** family in **Sandgate, Vermont**. Liz, her brothers, an aunt, cousins, and others joined to bury a small part of her father's ashes at her mother's grave near the family home in **Mt. Washington, Massachusetts**, in a special celebration of her father and parents on a lovely day with a big family dinner afterward. **Ellie** spent a month in **Greece** and **Turkey**, and **Becky** just spent three weeks in **Ghana** for a college class. (They will certainly have to tell *those* stories.) And it is good to be back home.

It was a pleasure to see **Debbie Appel Knowlton** with **Emily and Samuel** at church on Sunday, August 18, with Dad/Grampa Vic. Vic was having cataract surgery on Tuesday, August 20th. Vic reported the next day that everything had gone well.

We haven't seen a lot of **Doris Williams** at church in recent months as she has been very busy. She bought a new home in a new development in Pflugerville and became so entranced with her new surroundings that she ended up going to work for **DR Horton**, America's largest homebuilder, the developer of the community where she lives.

## Brazos Association News

August & September

by Liz Nash

I had the privilege, along with **Anne Wehrly** of Friends Congregational, of being a delegate from the Brazos Association at the **UCC General Synod, June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> in Long Beach, California**. The only other Synod I have attended was in Fort Worth, 24 years ago as the adult leader of the **Northern California** Nevada youth delegation. So, being a Synod delegate was a new and great experience.

What was good about it? The gathering was full of people who love the UCC and are really seeking to “live out” their faith in what was referred to again and again as “our beloved church.” We worked together constructively, joyfully, and respectfully to do the business of the national church, as well as to finalize and pass resolutions on a number of issues. At one time, I will confess I was skeptical of the process of passing resolutions that take positions on a broad spectrum of issues, wondering what effect our gathering can really have in so many areas. But at this Synod, I was struck by how each resolution we voted on came to this meeting because some Conference, Association, or other group of churches has that issue as a focus for their ministry. Their work to bring a particular issue before Synod is a way of broadening the knowledge and awareness of what they have learned, worked on, and experienced in a deeper way. We passed resolutions on issues ranging from divestment in carbon based companies to standing against the violence from drug trafficking in Honduras to support for immigration reform that respects human rights to support for our camping programs. Quite a list, and it is longer: for a full list and the text of the resolutions, go to <http://www.ucc.org/synod/resolutions/>. One item we voted on calls for churches to work toward making their buildings greener, specifically to move toward becoming carbon neutral, and to spread that change to the lives and practices of all of us. I hope we can work on that together in this Association, sharing resources, sharing ideas, and encouraging each other in this work of healing God’s creation. I would welcome the opportunity to share about Synod with your church.

Before **Synod**, I went as an adult chaperone on our annual Austin area youth group mission trip. **United Christian, Church of the Savior, and Congregational Church of Austin** joined together with **University Christian (Disciples of Christ)** and **University Baptist** on this always enriching journey. What I particularly want to share is that we went to **Reach Beyond Mission's** program in Houston. (There is also one in Austin.) Reach Beyond Mission has strong Disciples and UCC ties, brings kids into a number of local missions to work, and also brings speakers to help participants understand and reflect on the causes of poverty and situations of those they serve. It was outstanding, affordable, and I highly recommend it to all of our churches as you plan for next summer.

**Friends Congregational Church in College Station** is in the middle of an exciting transition in the life of their church: an extensive remodel of their entire building. Since early June, they have been worshipping at the former site of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 315 Tauber St in College Station. (See the church's website, [www.friends-ucc.org](http://www.friends-ucc.org), for location and parking information.) After a substantial time of capital fundraising and planning,

they are expanding their sanctuary, adding classrooms, adding office space, building a new entrance, improving accessibility and energy efficiency, and expanding their parking lot among a number of other improvements. As the church says about this endeavor, they are “**Building a Vision – Embracing the Future.**” The projected finish date is in early October, when the church can move home. What an exciting time for Friends Church! It will be a joyous day for them to be home and to dedicate this renewed and expanded home to their generous, welcoming ministry.

**On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** (in the future as I write, in the past as you read this), **St. Peter's UCC** in Coupland celebrates “**A Jewel of a Day,**” a celebration of **Pastor Emeritus Rev. Jewel Johnson**. There is much to celebrate for Jewel, who served **St. Peters** twice over a long and excellent ministry: His 60<sup>th</sup> Ordination anniversary, his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Jewel and Mary. Let's join with **St. Peters UCC** and with all of Jewel's and Mary's family in giving thanks for their life together and the blessings that have spread from this ministry.

Coming up we have three important deadlines and events for the Brazos Association: **A count and payment from our churches for those coming on the December 1- 7 Back Bay Mission trip is due to me September 15.** Checks for \$125 per person attending (made out to the Brazos Association) are due and should be sent to my home address, 9712 Llano Estacado, Austin, TX 78759. (I will send all checks on to **Larry Winkelmann**, our Association treasurer, who will pay Back Bay with one check, which is due to Back Bay by October 1.) This payment is for room and supplies at Back Bay. Our group will buy food together and will carpool, with the total cost estimate for the trip being \$300 to \$350 per person with the balance to be paid when we go. Plan to join us for what promises to be an outstanding week at Back Bay. Contact me at [lizknash@gmail.com](mailto:lizknash@gmail.com), 512-231-0045 (home) or 512-799-2782 (cell) with questions or to let me know your check is coming (if you mail it close to **Sept. 15**, so we will know you will be with us.) Back Bay has sent me a mission trip handbook which I will forward to any who want it. They host mission groups from all over the US throughout the year with many that come long distances and repeat several times to participate in this lifegiving work. You can read more about them at <http://www.thebackbaymission.org/> and through their newsletters, which several of us receive and which are on their website.

**Faith UCC in Bryan is celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> year of ministry** in the Brazos Valley and in the world **on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to join them for worship, fun, and food on this day of joy.

**Our Brazos Association Fall Meeting will be on Saturday morning, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Congregational Church of Austin.** Plan to join us for fellowship, sharing, business, and lunch, with time left over to enjoy Austin if you want. More details to come as we plan the meeting.

Blessings in Christ,  
Liz Nash



Vic Appel with daughter Debbie Appel Knowlton and granddaughter Emily Grace and grandson Samuel– August 18, 2013.

going to work for **DR Horton**, America's largest home-builder, the developer of the community where she lives. She is working half-time (although she worked 92 hours in a recent two-week period) and has already sold five homes.

**Dave and Sara Ross** visited **Pam Tucker, Alison Goodgame, Savanna and Harrison** in **Cuchara, Colorado**, in the second week of July as part of their annual Colorado adventure. They did some hiking to **Zapata Falls** where they had to wade in the freezing river to get to the falls. They walked to the meadow approach to the **West Spanish Peak** where they could see the plains to the east and the **Blanca** cluster of mountains past the Sangre de Cristo range to the west. It is a gorgeous spot. They also did some bumpy jeeping in the **Sangre de Cristo** mountains near **Trinchera Peak**. They played games in the evening and visited. All report having a wonderful time.



Dave and Sara Ross had a good visit with the Tuckers when they were traveling in New Mexico and Colorado--Harrison, Pam, Sara, and Savanna at Zapata Falls near Sand Dunes, New Mexico.

**Audrey Cleaver-Bartholomew**, daughter of our intern in the early 1980s, David and his wife **Dena Cleaver-** 7

**Bartholomew**, will be going to **Emory University** in the fall planning to enter their outstanding creative writing program. **David** finished doing the intentional interim at the Lutheran church in Utica, New York, this month. He had a really good time with the congregation and thinks it has come a long way and is ready to bring in its next "permanent" pastor and begin the next stage of its journey. David will be resuming working on a degree in accounting as there are still no job openings in either a church or academic setting in the Manlius, New York area and they will be there for two more years at least as their second daughter **Lydia** has two years of high school left and **Dena** and her church are doing great.



The Oakes family on Whidbey island on August 18 in Freeland, Washington . Back--Emily, Eugene & Beth, Sarah & Joe, Mardie, Durham & Tony; front, Mel, Pat, & Ethan. The family was together to celebrate Mel and Pat's 50th wedding anniversary which was on May 18.

**Mel and Pat Oakes** had a marvelous celebratory week with their three daughters, three sons-in-law, and three-grandchildren on **Whidbey Island**, just north and west of Seattle. They were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary which was actually in May, but Pat had just had her knee replaced and was in no shape to celebrate. They all enjoyed the cool, clear weather, the beautiful beaches, good food (excellent cooks in the family), and a day trip into Seattle to see the **Chihouly Glass Museum** and a trip up the space needle. Pat was delighted that she had recuperated enough that she was mostly able to keep up with everyone, including 15 month-old **Durham**.

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## Deadline for September Visitor—August 21

### Highlights from the SCC Annual Meeting 2013

**T**he Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, one of the largest UCC churches in the country, was a gracious host to this year's Annual Meeting for the **South Central Conference**. The keynote speaker, the **Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess**, Executive Minister of Local Church Ministries, gave insightful talks about the current issues in the UCC. His clarity of vision and purpose is evident as he and the Cleveland team lead our church through these challenging times for all Christians.

The workshop spectrum addressed a wide variety of issues such as the faith of Generation Y, Zen practice and Christian Faith, and Prayer for Busy People. Offerings during the three worship services were for Slumber Falls Camp, the pastoral emergency relief fund and Our Churches' Wider Mission (OCWM). There were other opportunities for giving and it was apparent that UCC folk were exceptionally generous. CCA was also represented at a special OCWM breakfast with Rev. Dr. Guess.

Other business included changes in the SCC by-laws regarding Board structure and a new Board was elected. It will be my pleasure to serve on the SCC Conference Board member for the next three years as a lay representative from the Brazos Association.

One of the highlights of this exceptional weekend was attending Sunday morning worship at Cathedral of Hope. The music and preaching were transcendent and I highly recommend any Sunday service at "COH" the next time you find yourself in Dallas on a Sunday morning

One more thing . . . A special thank you to all CCA congregants who donated books for the CUE book sale. It was a huge success for our first year reaping over \$500 in support of our UCC semi-

narians. The **CUE Committee** decided to make it a "new" ongoing event during the Annual Meeting...not only were there great deals on all kinds of books but it became a fun meet-up spot for everyone there!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Gleason  
2013 CCA Representative

The **Lifeworks** kitchen in the basement of the church got a makeover this summer! If you haven't been downstairs to check out the new kitchen, take a moment and head downstairs when you're here for services.

Will Hancock and the staff at **Lifeworks** send a huge "Thank You" to all who played a part in making the new kitchen a reality.

