

GAIHN News

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GAIHN Marathon Golfers Benefit Homeless Families

Our Mission

To assist local congregations to share hospitality (in the form of emergency food & lodging) with homeless families, & to help those families achieve self-sufficiency & self-fulfillment.

"I was struck by the enhanced feeling of fellowship - a common bond if you will - between the various participants and their efforts on behalf of GAIHN...this event gives us the opportunity to feel a sense of kinship with one another."

~Russ Wise, Player Coordinator for the 2nd Annual GAIHN Golf Marathon

John Brearley takes aim at the pin!

To date, pledges total almost \$20,000!



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Thanks to the efforts of fifteen devoted golfers and a host of donors from Greenville and elsewhere, the 2nd Annual GAIHN Golf Marathon was a fine success.

Golfers representing eight GAIHN congregations enjoyed sunshine and southerly breezes in their endeavor to play 100 holes of golf in one day! Each golfer donated \$100 and solicited additional pledges for GAIHN's ministry of hospitality with homeless families.

Golfing prizes were awarded to the golfer with the longest drive (Miki March), the straightest drive (John Brearley), and the ball closest to the pin (Ed Overstreet and Russ Wise). Pledge prizes were awarded to Russ Wise (\$3000+ in pledges) and Ed Overstreet (\$2500+ in pledges).

This year's GAIHN Marathon golfers include: **Russ Wise**, Trinity Lutheran Church; **Ed Overstreet**, Bethesda UMC, Powdersville; **Terry Tysinger**, Covenant UMC; **Jeff Hilderbran, Gaines Huguley, John Neil, & Rev. David Stubbs**, Buncombe Street UMC; **Rev. Kyle Allen & Buddy Carter**, Greer First Presbyterian Church; **Rev. John Brearley**, John Knox Presbyterian Church; **Miki March, Norman Morrison, & Frank Wilkie**, Lee Road UMC; **Dan Buckley & Robert Gramann**, Messiah Lutheran Church.

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GAIHN Golf Marathon Album

Closest to the Pin Contest

Our ultimate goals at GAIHN are to reduce homelessness and promote family integrity among Greenville County resident families.



John Neil & Gaines "Tee" Huguley!



Kyle Allen



Robert Gramann



Norman Morrison

"May your work continue to bless those families in need that God sends your way through GAIHN."

~ GAIHN Golfer
Dr. Kyle Allen, pastor of Greer First Presbyterian Church



Buddy Carter

Did You Know?

Over one-fourth of those who are homeless in the US are children.

Families with young children now comprise 40% of America's homeless.

Recently two of our guest families have obtained permanent housing; two other families have moved into our transitional housing duplexes in Judson; and two new families have been welcomed into the emergency shelter.



Dan Buckley



Ed Overstreet (the winner!)



Jeff Hilderbrand

Schedule of Host Churches for May - August, 2004

May 2-9, Trinity Lutheran Church
May 9-16, St. Giles Presbyterian Church
May 16-23, Trinity UMC
May 23-30, Covenant UMC
May 30-June 6, Holy Communion Church, Spartanburg
June 6-13, Messiah Lutheran Church
June 13-20, Buncombe Street UMC
June 20-27, Greenville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship
June 27-July 4, Fernwood Baptist Church, Spartanburg
July 4-11, First Presbyterian Church, Greer
July 11-18, Bethesda UMC
July 18-25, Trinity UMC, Spartanburg
July 25-August 1, John Knox Presbyterian Ch.
August 1-8, Lee Road UMC
August 8-15, St. Giles Presbyterian Church
August 15-22, Trinity Lutheran Church
August 22-29, Covenant UMC

Thank you for your vital ministry sharing hospitality with our GAIHN guest families!

Thanks, GAIHN Donors!

...for making hospitality happen in Greenville.

Foundations and Grants

Emergency Food & Shelter Grant/FEMA (\$2,600 to buy food for our pantry and for our guest families in transitional housing)

Civic, Business & Education Groups

Junior League (\$1000 for a computer system)
Furman University (furniture and bedding)
"Bilo Bags Hunger" program (\$3312 which we share with the new IHN in Spartanburg)

GAIHN Golf Marathon

Carolina Holdings, Chick Fil-A, CoTransCo, Dunlop Slazenger Sports, Greenville News, McAlister's Deli, Men's Golf @ Furman University, Terri Sullivan/Brian Spears Nationwide Insurance, Nevada Bob's Golf Shop, Resurgent Capital, Van Matthews, Carolyn Tomlinson

Congregations

Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville Friends Meeting, Lee Road UMC, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Providence Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew UMC, Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity UMC, Unity Church of Greenville, Westminster Presbyterian Church

**GAIHN Host Congregations Make all the Difference
in the Lives of Homeless Families...**

Covenant United Methodist Church

Covenant UMC is a congregation that seeks to be faithful to our Wesleyan heritage by emphasizing a vital personal faith and corporate social engagement.

We are a congregation seeking to serve Christ in our community and beyond. The church building is located amid several subdivisions on the eastside of Greenville, South Carolina.

We are a church that emphasizes the active participation of members and visitors in the ministries of the church. Some strengths of our congregation include dynamic worship, missions, Bible study groups, youth programs, and leadership development. Because of an openness to new persons and new opportunities for service, the congregation has experienced sustained growth and looks forward to new challenges as God provides. If you are in our area, visit and worship with us.

Covenant UMC Ministerial Staff

Rev. George Riser, Pastor; Rev. Stacey Hanson, Associate Pastor; Debbie Krawczyk, Christian Education; Pete Berntson, Ministries; Donna Grover, Music; Rene McCurdy, Nursery; Martha Elkins, Organist; Kathy Eckhart, Youth Choir; Ellen Mullin, Secretary; Patty Kehe, Bookkeeper; Stephanie Hanson, Clerical Assistant; Joyce Rains, Sexton.

Church Office: 864/244-3162

Web Address - www.CovUMC.org

**Covenant's Core Values for
Ministry and Leadership**

- We value each person having a relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- We value the Bible as the authoritative basis for all we are and do.
- We value a faith focus for our activities and ministries.
- We value service over positions of privilege.
- We value an intentional inclusiveness of all persons in the church.
- We value being good stewards of the resources God provides us.

Christ-Centered People...

...Focused on People.



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Jim & Elizabeth Belcher have been our GAIHN coordinators at Covenant UMC for the past four months. Before that, they assisted Shannan Fastzkie and Nancy Thomas who ran the program for the first two years. Jim & Elizabeth have three children, Sarah Beth (25) who lives in Atlanta, Lucy (19) who is a sophomore at Clemson, and Alan (13) who is a 7th grader at Riverside Middle.

"To us, we have always taken the motto that if Jesus is going to do something today, he is going to do it with our arms, our legs and our heart. GAIHN has been a great ministry for our church in that it allows us to put our faith to work. Our congregation has really supported this ministry with their time, talent and dollars. We have seen the great works of this ministry as it has helped some very good people get back on their feet. GAIHN is a great example of a ministry of people helping people".



GAIHN Board of Directors member, Berry Gower, demonstrates the essence of elegance in golf.

Thirteen dynamic congregations from across Greenville County serve as GAIHN Host Churches.

Four other fine congregations provide assistance with meals and overnight hosting in serving as GAIHN Support Churches.



The Belchers

Pendleton Street Baptist Church serves as the site for our Day Center.

Each day our GAIHN guests devote their time and energy to seeking permanent employment and affordable housing opportunities.

"Is not this the fast that I choose... to share your bread with the hungry, and to welcome the homeless poor into your house?"

~ Isaiah 58:6-7

We minister in partnership with many other Greenville agencies, including...

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network

Annual Membership Application



www.SHARESC.org

SHARE Homeless Services provides 35 apartments to homeless families through "We Care," a transitional housing program with intensive case management.

Yes!
I would like to become an Annual Member in support of the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, an emergency shelter for homeless families with children.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____

E-mail _____

(Please add me to the GAIHN e-Newsletter list)

Please send me more information about volunteer opportunities with GAIHN.

Levels of membership (Check one, please)

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Charter | \$100+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business/Civic | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seniors | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | \$ _____ |



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Or log on to www.GAIHN.org. Thank You!



"Now Faith, Hope & Love abide!"

"God gives, but doesn't share."

~ Dr. Paul Farmer, an anthropologist and epidemiologist renowned for his work with the poor in Cange, Haiti. Quoted in Tracy Kidder's book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*.



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RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

Co-President, Ellis Beddingfield, presents gifts of gratitude to members of the GAIHN Board of Directors who are retiring from the board: Ken Sturm, representing Messiah Lutheran Church (L) and Marty Campbell (Treasurer), a member of First Baptist Church, Berea (R).

Other retiring GAIHN Board member are Dan Foster, representing Trinity United Methodist Church, and Norman Goerlich, a member of the Greenville Friends Meeting.

Welcome New GAIHN Board Members!

Dan Gosnell of Trinity United Methodist Church, Jerry Kerns of First Baptist Church Greenville, Scott Henderson of the Greenville Friends Meeting, and Melissa Zak-Walser of Messiah Lutheran Church!