

# COMMON LIFE CHURCH & FARM

## Dinner Church on the Farm

After meeting in a nearby church during the winter, Common Life moved our monthly Dinner Church gathering onto the farm for the summer months. The beautiful setting creates a sacred space for our worship and fellowship.

## First Community Gardening Day

Gardening together is our spiritual practice of connecting with God, one another, and creation. We held our first Community Gardening Day on the farm in July. A group of 7 adults and 6 children worked together to clean up one of the high tunnels to prepare it for fall and winter plantings.

## Featured on “The Pollinator”

The Rev. Brooks Berndt, UCC Minister of Environmental Justice, interviewed the Rev. Sarah Horton-Campbell for [this article](#) on “The Pollinator” blog.



## Summer Greetings!

Common Life’s Dinner Church has been gathering monthly since January 2018. At Dinner Church, we worship around a table and shared meal with Holy Communion at the center of the liturgy. Sharing a meal together is a physical reminder that we are all connected through and sustained by God’s creation.

*Offering Communion outside helps us remember that the physical and spiritual worlds are completely bound up together. It becomes*





## Building UCC Partnership

Many UCC congregations in North Carolina have invited Common Life to share about our vision and ministry. So far in 2018, we have visited the following churches:

- Peace UCC, Greensboro
- First Congregational UCC, Asheville
- Parkway UCC, Winston-Salem\*
- Elon Community Church UCC\*
- Congregational UCC, Greensboro\*
- Hillsborough UCC\*

\*Denotes congregations that have financially supported Common Life. Thank you!

## UCC Genesis Fund Grant Awarded

In June, Common Life was awarded a \$17,000 grant from the UCC Genesis Fund for innovative ministries. This grant accounts for 42% of the funds needed in 2018.

*easy to see how everything grows, lives, dies and is returned into the earth where it takes on a new form. Its spark of life is transformed.*

*--Rev. Stephen Blackmer*

## Over Halfway to Our Fundraising Goal!

In March, we launched an online fundraiser with a goal of raising \$10,000 in 2018. The funds raised here are being matched by a generous, anonymous donor. So far we have raised over \$5,500!

**There is still time for you to support Common Life and have your gift doubled!** Give online at [gofundme.com/common-life-church-farm](https://gofundme.com/common-life-church-farm) or send a check to:

Pilgrim UCC ("Common Life" in memo line)  
3011 Academy Rd  
Durham, NC 27707

*Common Life Church & Farm is a new UCC ministry forming in Saxapahaw, NC. Pilgrim UCC in Durham, NC is providing the legal structure for Common Life's operations.*

