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PEACE BELL is a monthly publication of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota. *Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all people, respecting the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender, age, opinions, and physical and mental abilities. Visitors are always welcome!*



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

DULUTH, MN. * REV. KATHRYN NELSON, PASTOR * OCTOBER 2006

Artist's Cabaret - October 13th

Doors open at 6:45 - First performance at 7:15

Cost: \$5 to benefit gallery lighting in narthex



Join us in a celebration of local talent! Dessert, espresso and other beverages will be available for \$1 at our special performance event. A variety of artists will share their work, including: **poets** - Sheila Packa, Ellie Schoenfeld, Scott Mead, and Kyle Elden.; **musical performances** by Bare Common, Paul Winchester and Philip Hubert, Andrew Sparrow and Kathy Heltzer.; **storytelling** by Cindy McLean; **comedy** by surprise guests who wish to remain anonymous. And, it is not too late to add your name to the list! Contact Steve Coll or Holly Bowen-Bailey if you would like to be a performer. Make Friday the 13th a lucky night after all; we'll see you at the show!

STEWARDSHIP DINNERS—“Loving God Back!”

Once again it is the time of the year when we come together to pledge our financial support for the daily ministries of our church. This year we will hold three stewardship dinners.

The stewardship dinner will be a time for members and friends to gather in the fellowship hall on one of three different nights. Everyone will have a delicious meal and enjoy a presentation to learn about or be reminded of what Peace Church is, all that Peace Church does, and how our growth in numbers and staff have impacted our budget. Then you will be asked to make your pledge to support the ministry over the coming year.

The dinner dates are **Fridays, November 3rd and 10th, and Sunday Nov. 12th**. To meet the needs of all our members and friends, **childcare will be provided** after the meal so that you can dine with your children but not worry about keeping up with them during the presentation. We ask that you sign up in the narthex, for the night that works best for you. If you are unable to sign up in church we will be glad to call and schedule you for a dinner.

We are looking forward to these nights as a wonderful opportunity to bring the congregation closer together and support the ministry of our church.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Thank you! thank you! The celebration of my 15th anniversary as Pastor of this church was such a wonderful event for me. I love the gift of the painting of the resurrection. It was good to hear the stories of how our lives have intersected over the years. From Trudy's story of the search process, to Jonie's children's baptism—Tiffany baptizing me, to the Jim's (McLean and Soderberg) with their stories of canoe trips and CHUM Bible studies. Our stories are mingled with one another's. Our stories are mingled with the biblical story.

John Pegg called the week before the celebration and asked for my favorite scripture. I thought right away of John 13 where Jesus washes the feet of those he loves and tells them to go and do the same. Jesus has gathered with his disciples for a last meal together. Jesus has taken off his outer robe and tied a towel around his waist. Warm water splashes into a large basin and he gently begins to wash the feet of those he loves. Jesus takes the role of the household servant and removes the dirt and sand from the feet of his fellow travelers.

Jesus' command to love is not an abstraction, but enfleshed in a rich tapestry of life — a meal, warm water, a betrayal, a denial, a towel, tears, touch and hope. The limitations of the disciples are made very clear, as is the deep love of Jesus.

I give you a new commandment, to love one another. . . . to be servants, to wash and care for one another. Part of the radical nature of this piece of scripture was that Jesus the master teacher took on the role of servant and washed — a role usually held by a woman. The stole I wear each Sunday is symbolic of that towel, for 15 years now here I have worn that towel — 20 years total — a towel as my symbol of ministry. I love the stole the kids wove me with the help of Denise. I love the rainbow stoles Gail made the kids and the Community choir wore on pride Sunday. Jesus asks us all to be mothers, servants, lovers of one another. Jesus asks us to be vulnerable with one another. To show where it hurts, so others can help, so that our God can heal and wash away the grime of our lives.

Peace Church has been that place for me . . . You have been there in the highest and lowest points of my life — there with the birth and the raising so far of our daughters. And you were there with us through the year of surgery, chemo and radiation as I went through treatment for breast cancer.

Jesus tells us and shows us how to live — a new commandment, that you love one another. And then he knelt and washed their feet. Thank you for being a place where my family is nurtured and loved and then sent out to do the same. I love each of you and this church deeper than I can say

Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Looking for Women who Rock!!!

On Saturday October 14th, Pastor Kathy will have a team of women rocking in rocking chairs at the Miller Hill Mall from 10 – 10:30. Rocking for a Reason is a fundraiser in the fight against breast cancer. To make a pledge or to rock, call the office or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Don't leave Kathy rocking alone!



COMMUNITY and UCC

United Theological Seminary of the
Twin Cities — Workshop in Duluth

LECTIONARY EVENT

Friday, November 3, 9am – 3pm
Pilgrim Congregational UCC

This workshop will focus on the texts from the Old Testament for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Working with Year C in the Lectionary, participants will examine the texts from a variety of perspectives in order to gain greater understanding into their meanings for today. At the end of the workshop, participants will have new insights for preaching and teaching these texts. Persons who aren't preachers or teachers but are interested in studying the lectionary at a greater level of depth are welcome to attend.

Carolyn Pressler is the Harry C. Piper professor of biblical interpretation at United Theological Seminary and an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She received her masters of divinity from Wesley Theological School and her PhD. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Registration fee: \$55.00 (congregational teams of two or more - \$40/additional persons)

Student Rate: \$20.00

Lunch: \$7.50 (optional)

Registration deadline: Friday, October 20.

You may bring your own or order lunch for \$7.50 when you register.

Registration is required for workshop and for lunch.

Registration available on-line at www.unitedseminary.edu or contact Ann Nordgren, Duluth Program Coordinator, 218-525-3136 or anordgren@unitedseminary.edu

Honoring Our Spirit

Inviting All to the Table

an Inclusive Interfaith Service

Sunday, October 8

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

This will be a service where gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (gltb) people and their allies can gather for words of inclusion and hope and be part of a communion of spirits from many spiritual walks and beliefs.

This service is being hosted by: Standing on the Side of Love (an interfaith committee seeking justice for glbt persons), Lake Country Chapter of Lutherans Concerned, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The service will be at 4:00 pm followed by a social hour.

We hope that you will be able to join us as we not only heal together from the pain and injustice that so many glbt people are subjected to, but also rejoice in the people each of us is created to be and enjoy the time in which we share this walk together.

INSIDE-OUT *A writing class*

for those who have lost a loved one

Finding words for our grief and giving voice to it can be an avenue for healing, a way of recovering our balance and deepening our understanding.

Sponsored by Lake Superior Writers and Facilitated by Deborah Cooper and Cal Benson.

October 18 & 25, November 1 & 8

6:30 – 8:30pm at Marshall School Annex

Cost \$75

(\$60 for members of Lake Superior Writers)

More info, call 728-2097

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 1 Amy Larson, Lisa Brown, Mary Adams
- 8 Kathy Dowell, Jane Rupel, Emily Punyko
- 15 Julie Flotten, Alison Wood, Maddy Carpenter
- 22 Monica Liddle, Carolyn Williams, Julia Horner
- 29 Carla Langdon-Larson, Melanie Lundell, Dhrista Knudsen

Coffee Set-Up

- 1 Essie Geiger, Peggy Skylondz
- 8 Caroline Harris, Daina Rosen
- 15 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel
- 22 Sally Larson, Karie Simpson
- 29 Georgette Sarkela, Diana Soland



Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 1 Holly Bowen-Bailey, Penny Cragun
- 8 Linda Lundberg, Barb Kehtel
- 15 Judy Seliga-Punyko, Peggy Skylondz
- 22 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland
- 29 Seversons

Ushers

- 1 Hysteads, John and Lyn Clark Pegg
- 8 Hubert Family, Kathy Dowell
- 15 Mike Swanoski, Peter Barnett, Jonie and Carla Langdon-Larson
- 22 David Jorde and Holly Anderson, Laurie and Mariah Berner
- 29 Mike and Linda Lundberg, Mary Martin, Beth Bartlett

Greeters

- 1 Seversons
- 8 Cindy Macaulay, Mike Swanoski
- 15 Essie Geiger, Peggy Skylondz
- 22 Kathy Dowell, Diana Soland
- 29 Bill and Lisa Pomroy



Lay Leaders

- 1 Lynn Devlin
- 8 Kay Stevens
- 15 Justin Olson
- 22 John Pegg
- 29 Essie Geiger

Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 2 Justin/Jessica Olson
- 9 Daina Rosen
- 16 Janell Kohls
- 23 Kim Squillace
- 30 Cynthia Peterson

Damiano Soup Kitchen

October 8

- 1:30: Raquel Jensen, Tom and Kim Heinitz, Penny Cragun
- 4:00 Pat O'Connell, Bill and Lisa Pomroy

Communion Servers

8:30 Service

- 1 Linda Goese
- 8 Janell Kohls
- 15 Calbreaths
- 22 Lyn Kaim
- 29 Susan Kehtel

10:30 Service

October 1

Senior High
Youth



Wednesday Helpers

- 4 4:30 Prep=Steve Coll, Julie Flotten
Clean-up=Leon/Britt Rohrbaugh
- 11 4:30 Prep=Jane Rupel, Sophie/Isaac W.
Clean-up=Stewardship Board
- 18 4:30 Prep=Tom Liddle, Maddy Carpenter
Clean-up=Bill Simpson, Nettie Bothwell
- 25 4:30 Prep=Jesse/Cizzarie Schomberg
Clean-up=Jonie/Carla Langdon-Larson



SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a Communion Service and at 10:30 we have a service with children's time and choirs. The sermon at both services is the same.

Sunday, October 1st —*World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering*

Scripture: Esther 7: 1 - 6, 9 - 10 and 9: 20 - 22 and Mark 9: 38 - 41, 50
Sermon: "Such a time as this . . . New Partners"

This morning we will share the Lord's Supper with Christians around the world. We will celebrate our special partnership with congregations in the Philippines through the letters and drawings they recently sent to us.

This morning we will also receive our annual neighbors in need offering. This crucial offering helps our denomination work on issues of justice in our communities. One third of the offering is used to support our 20 Native American Congregations situated in the poorest counties of our nation. (to learn more, see page 13)

Sunday, October 8th

Welcoming of New Members

Scripture: Job 1:1 and 2: 1 - 10 and Mark 10: 2 - 16
Sermon: "In Whose Hands? "

This morning we will welcome new members into our congregation. Also we will celebrate the baptism of Claire Nelson Ehlers and give bibles to our 3rd graders.

Stay after church to join us for a baby shower for **Jill and Jim Pospisil**. Jim has been our music director for almost 10 years. If you would like to contribute to a congregation gift of a baby jogger, send your gift to the church marked shower.

Sunday, October 15

Scripture: Job 23: 1 - 9, 16 - 17 and Mark 10: 17 - 31
Sermon: "Where Are You?"

This morning after the 10:30 service join in our annual Fall Color Paddle.

Sunday, October 22 – *Economic Justice*

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 5 - 9 and Luke 4: 18 -19
Our service will be led by the Just Peace Committee

Sunday, October 29th

Scripture : Mark 10: 46 - 52
Sermon: "Faith Wide Open"

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Peace Church Choir practices Wednesdays beginning at 6:15. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall and then go to the Music Room for rehearsal. Jim Pospisil is our music director.

Hosting CHUM Church

Sunday, Oct. 8th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm

We are looking for volunteers to help us host CHUM Church on October 8th. Volunteers are needed to help Pastor Kathy with worship and the refreshment time. The focus will be on the Heifer Project, so youth who went on the trip are especially encouraged to help. *Great service hours and fun too.* We need bars for the dessert.

Sign up outside the office or call.

50th Anniversary of the UCC

Kick-off Celebration

November 5th at 4:30

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Live Webcast at 5pm

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES



MUSIC AT PEACE!

Peace church is blessed with many talented musicians! The Worship and Arts Committee encourages musicians to share their talent as part of our worship services and special events. Special music is always needed at the 8:30 service and for some 10:30 services as well. Anyone who is planning to use musicians at worship services or who would like to play at a worship service is asked to please coordinate their plans with Pastor Kathy in advance. Also, any equipment borrowed from the Sanctuary should be returned after you are done using it. Thanks!

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, October 25 at noon

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will meet on the second floor of the Benedictine Health Center. Bring your lunch—coffee and dessert are provided. Cheryl Walsh will lead a discussion based on the book *The Friendship of Women, A Spiritual Tradition* by Joan Chittister.

If you would like more information or need a ride, please call Cheryl Walsh at 525-4129.

SUNRISE COFFEE

October 2: 6:09 am
21st Ave E & Lakewalk



Look for the sign & coffee mug to find us!

Next month: November 6: 6:59 am



Questions on the Way

Every Tuesday at 12 noon

Bring a lunch, bring a quote, bring your questions, bring your stories!

Baby Shower for Jim and Jill Pospisil

On **Sunday, October 8th** we will host a baby shower for Jim Pospisil (our music director) and his wife, Jill, as they prepare to welcome their baby into the world sometime in November. We will have a light lunch, singing, and the sharing of baby care wisdom.

We will purchase one larger item that they need as a gift from the congregation (e.g. a baby jogger). If you would like to contribute toward the gift, put your donation in the offering or send to the office—just mark it “baby shower”.

Looking Ahead

January 26 – 28 –**Winter Camp Weekend** at Wolf Ridge Environmental Center. Everyone welcome!

Men, mark your calendars for the next **Men’s Retreat** at Isernhagen’s cabin on March 2 – 4.

Women, mark your calendars for the next **Women’s Retreat** at Caribou Highlands Resort near Lutsen on April 21-22. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night.



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Boards and Committees will meet on **Wednesday, October 11th**. Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6 pm.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, October 17th** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

BOOKS, PADDLING, AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY



Your response to last month's request to return past due children's books was good, but there are still many that have not been returned. Please keep looking for them.

Watch for these new acquisitions that will be appearing on the shelves soon: *Jesus of Nazareth* by William Barclay, *Naked in Baghdad* by Anne Garrels, *Another Country* by Mary Pipher, *Back When We were Grown-ups* by Anne Tyler, *My Dog Skip* by Willie Morris and *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan.

PEACE CHURCH READERS

Thursday, October 19

6-7:30 in the Fireside Room

A Creed for the Third

Millennium by Colleen McCullough

Tomorrow's America is a cold and ravaged place, a nation devastated by despair and enduring winter. In a small New England city, a senior government official discovers a deliverer of hope, in a hopeless time, who can revive the dreams of a shattered people; a magnetic, compassionate idealist and healer.



FALL COLOR PADDLE — OCTOBER 15 1 - 4 pm

Join us as we paddle and bask in the glory of fall. Canoes, kayaks, rafts all welcome! Meet at the church at 1pm and we'll travel to . . . Location TBA!

1	Doris Godden		Bob Montgomery
	Sarah Peterson	15	Hallie Davis
	Craig Peterson	17	Gabriel Zaun
4	Sue Betz	18	Marlene Sipila
	Barb Hanka	19	Katy (Eschbach) Schmidt
	Seth Hoffman		Emily (Eschbach) Biske
5	Darrell Cran		Wes Severson
	Jesse Schomberg		Rorie Arnold
6	Kristine Regehr	20	Mina Hubert
	Jen Stenersen	21	Kay Stevens
7	George Bowen	22	Nam Provost
	Stephanie Goese		Becky Hamsher
	Tiffany Langdon-Larson	23	Kathy Bray
8	Beth Caven	25	Carla Stegmann
9	Lorri Mitchell		Chris Peterson
11	Alison Wood	26	Isaac Wilkowske
12	Karen Morgan	27	Sydney Stackland
	Susan Soule		Katie Sawyer
13	Micade Devlin	28	Diana Hanka
	Joan Hendrickson	31	Peggy Maske
	Mary Jo Youngstrom-Reed		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Book Club Facilitator needed

Love to read? The Book Club, now in its sixth year, is looking for a new facilitator. Currently the club meets once a month, is made up of men and women, and reads books from across many genres. We are looking for someone to take over the role of facilitator – to provide direction (you need not stick with the current formula), help select books, and publicize the books selected. If this sounds like you, please let Cindy McLean or Pastor Kathy know.

THANK YOU

- ❖ To all who helped serve or make bars for Donald Day or Albert Johnson's funeral services.
- ❖ To all who helped with this year's Fall Harvest Festival which raised money for Crop Walk and our kitchen fund: ♦To our Care and Fellowship Committee ♦To the Turkey Crew—Bill and Susan Kehtel, Pat Devlin, Bill Kohlts, Doug Bowen-Bailey, John Erickson, Pat O'Connell, Sam Cook ♦To Rick and Karola Dalen and Daina Rosen for donating the veggies ♦ To Clear for the music ♦ To so many other folks who helped out!
- ❖ To all who walked in the annual Crop Walk; special thanks to Doug Bowen Bailey for organizing the event and to Clear (Peter Provost, Steve Horner, Tom Wilkowske and Leon Rohrbaugh) for playing at the pre-event.
- ❖ To Gail Blum for the office bulletin board, and for reupholstering the throw pillows in the narthex.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ❖ Dorrie Godden recovering from surgery to help the circulation in her leg.
- ❖ Chad Robinson serving in Iraq and his family here—Katie and their young daughter, Kaisa

CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ To Elizabeth Biazzo and Al Cernohous who married on September 2nd in Chetek WI on their farm. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- ❖ To Katy (Eschbach) and Chris Schmidt on the birth of a daughter, Mae Louise, on July 28.

SYMPATHY

- ❖ To the family of Rev. Donald Day. Don died on September 5th after a fall. Donald was a member of our congregation since the early 1960's. He faithfully visited our shut ins for many, many years. He walked or rode the bus everywhere he went and met many friends this way. He greeted each person as if they were the Christ. We give thanks for his life and ministry among us. A funeral service was held here at the church on September 9th and our choir sang.
- ❖ To the family of Albert Johnson. Albert died on September 18th. Abie was a member of our congregation since the early 1980's. He worked on the DMIR railroad in Biwabik most of his life. He moved back to the Lake after his wife died. He grew up in Two Harbors. Abie was one who loved to work and fix stuff. He struggled with Alzheimers for the past 5 years. He is now fully remembered in the heart of God. A funeral service was held at our church on September 22nd.

THANK YOU to the following people who have given MEMORIALS to our

Church

- For **Don Day** from Marlis Cran, Dorrie Godden, Elaine Augustad, John & Lyn Clark Pegg, Georgette and Bill Hardesty, Wes and Joan Severson, Bill and Barb Kehtel, Dick and Linda Goese, Ken and Mary Wergeland
- For **Shirley Swenson** from Myrna Johnson
- For **Don Jensen** from Dawn and Rick Baker (to be used for plants or trees), Hallie Finucane, Margaret O'Toole Martin and John Martin.
- For **Bede McMillan** from Georgette and Bill Hardesty

"Roots of Migration"

Tues. Oct. 10 at 7pm at UMD Kirby Ballroom
 A presentation by Jesus Leon from Oaxaca, Mexico. Jesus has worked for years on the issues of agriculture, immigration, and free trades.
 Sponsored by Witness for Peace, Upper Midwest, and the Latin-Chicana Student Association at UMD

- 5pm: Children's Choir in Music Room 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers
- 6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room (Living the Questions)
- 6:15pm: Senior Choir in Music Room 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
- 7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation II—1st & 3rd Weds.)
- Boards and Committees meet on October 11th at 6 pm



FAITH WEAVERS

WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM
 KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE

Please fill out the registration form to sign your children up for this fall's Faith Weavers Program.

Faith Weavers is an hour of programming on Wednesdays, which focuses on Bible stories through song, crafts, games, creative snack making, drama, journal time, and service.

All kindergarten through 5th grade kids are welcome to join us any time. A \$15-\$20 (per year/per kid) donation is requested to help cover the cost of supplies.

Important Parent Information

Parents and others: We're continually looking for parent help and parent expertise in Faith Weavers. (And it's fun!) I am looking for people to lead F.W. **October 11, November 8, and December 13.** These are Board and Committee nights. So join us on Wednesdays or offer to teach the kids a skill you have!

Children's Choir

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join us for choir practice in the music room on Wednesdays from 5 - 5:30. Cynthia Coffin leads the group.. The kid's choir will be singing the second Sunday of each month

Living the Questions Adult Study begins Oct. 5 at 6pm—see page 9 for details.

FAITH WEAVERS REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Child _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Known Allergies (Including food) _____

Special Needs _____

What else would you like us to know about your child? _____

Adult Helpers—are you willing to help lead/co-teach Faith Weavers on a rotational basis?
 Check here if interested. _____

CHILDREN AND CHURCH SCHOOL

CHURCH SCHOOL It's off to a great start! Thank you to all the teachers and Holly Bowen-Bailey for their commitment to our children's education at Peace.

A special note to parents from the 1st grade teachers: Please have your children bring their Bibles to Church School!

Some Sundays to take note of:

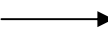
Oct 8th—Kids' Choir sings in church

Oct 15th—Children's Sabbath/ Bibles for 3rd Graders during 10:30 service

Oct 29th—UNICEF Carnival at 11:30am. There will be no regular Church School this day, but all are invited to watch a Veggie Tales Movie in the sanctuary with Holly Bowen-Bailey.

UNICEF CARNIVAL Oct. 29th, 11:30—1pm in the Fellowship Hall

All ages are invited to join us for our annual UNICEF Carnival following services Oct. 29th. Bring a friend and come in costume if you choose (non-violent costumes please). Have a hot dog and caramel apple while you play carnival games and activity stations. Bowl, bean bag toss, try Plunko, go fishing, and much more. All proceeds go to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing and serving food items in the kitchen, and donations of baked goods, hot dogs, prizes etc are needed - see sign-up  here and in the Narthex.

Youth are needed to manage stations and run games for the kids - contact Phillip Hubert.

UNICEF CARNIVAL—October 29

Volunteer and Donations Sign Up Sheet



The UNICEF Carnival is only possible through the donations and cheerful support of volunteers. Please indicate below in what ways you are willing to help and return this form to the office.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Donations:

Please write in quantity you are willing to donate.

Donate _____ decorated cake(s)/cupcakes for the Cake walk (store bought is OK)

Donate _____ packages of wieners and _____ packages of buns

Donate _____ gallons of apple cider

Donate _____ dozen apples

Donate _____ containers of caramel dip

Donate \$ _____ (cash) to purchase prizes

Donate prizes: _____ bags of snack size candy
_____ dozen non-candy prizes

Please return all donations to the Church no later than Wednesday, Oct. 25 so we can purchase what is still needed.

Volunteer Help:

Please check the ways you are willing to help:

_____ Help set up on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9am to 12n

_____ Help during the carnival with games, food, tickets,

_____ Help clean up from 1:30-2:30pm Sunday

_____ Help in another way: (please list)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



DRAGON BOAT RACE *by Doug Bowen-Bailey*

Our dragon boat glided the last few yards to the floating dock near Barker's Island. To our left and right, three more boats positioned themselves for the race. The starter called us to attention and all twenty of our paddlers sat poised to pull through the water – listening for the beat of our drum.

The Dragon Boat Festival, organized by the Duluth and Superior Rotary clubs, provides a wonderful opportunity for both creating and celebrating community, as well as for some good-natured competition. Teams come together to paddle for all different reasons. Some to win. Some for fun. Some for a deeper purpose. This year, teams raised over \$50,000 for the festival's charity partner, the SMDC Breast Cancer and Health fund.

Our boat this year came together for a combination of all of those reasons. Sponsored by the Arrowhead Interfaith Council, we had a balance of people from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions. With the motto, "We're all in the same boat," we came together to give an example of interfaith cooperation in a world where the opposite example is all too evident.

The race began and we set-off down the 400-meter course. In front sat our drummer, calling out commands and beating the drum. In back stood our steersperson, using a long oar to keep us headed straight down the course. In between sat ten rows of paddlers sitting side by side – striving to find the rhythm so that all our paddles enter and exit the water together in time. At one portion during the race, we were out of sync. Some of our more youthful paddlers were ready to give up, and then we went into a "Power Ten" – where we all counted down in unison from ten to one. Somehow this speaking together and listening to each other brought us all back to a common rhythm. Our perseverance through that difficult time brought us all a renewed sense of hope and our boat surged ahead toward the finish line.

The word, "religion," comes from a Latin word meaning to "bind together." Ligament, that fibrous tissue which connects the bones of our skeleton, comes from the same root. Too often, religion in our world serves the opposite purpose. It divides and drives wedges between people, instead of connecting us. Just like in the dragon boat, it takes intentionality for people of different traditions to come together. As one of our Muslim paddlers said in a discussion afterwards, "We need to cooperate on the things we can agree on, and excuse each other for the things we disagree on." As Jews, Christians, and Muslims, we will have different perspectives on a variety of things theological and political. But within that, we still can find common purpose to come together.

In sync and pulling as hard as we can, we reach the finish line. As we glide for a few moments, our attention drifts to the other boats who crossed with us. Guided by our steersperson, we head back to the loading dock to pass our boat on to the next team.

Afterward, one member from the Jewish community reminded us that we have yet to reach the finish line. That the race we are a part of goes on, for our coming together was less about boating and more about humanity. So, we committed to keep coming together and trying to expand our circle. Our next event will be the CROP Walk on September 17 which raised funds for hunger-relief efforts both locally and around the globe. Whether paddling, walking, or talking together, we will continue to strive for that rhythm which moves us ahead.

Our team t-shirts featured a hand-drawn dragon circled by the words: Peace, Shalom, and Salaam. English, Hebrew, and Arabic reminders of the goals on which we must agree. We are all in the same boat. In times like these, it often feels like the waves are big and our boat is small. Yet counting out together and feeling the rhythm, connectedness and hope are possible as we go on in this most human race.

MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Tom Hystead*

September was an incredibly busy month. There was so much going on at Peace that I am looking forward to October in hopes that cooler weather will slow things down a bit. I hope everyone enjoyed the celebratory worship services and the opportunity to jump back into the full swing of our church life. Thanks to everyone who helped with worship and fellowship commemorating Pastor Kathy's 15th anniversary at Peace on September 17.

The Coordinating Council meeting on September 19th reflected the fast pace of the month. Here are some highlights:

• **August Financial statements show a year-to-date deficit. Pledged and Non-Pledged income is behind budget by over \$15,000. Expenses are, for the most part, on budget. If you have been away during the summer and can catch up on your pledge that would be greatly appreciated.**

• Treasurer, Dick Goese also reported that the Final Distribution of the Herb Haller estate was received — in the amount of \$58,000!

• The Associate Pastor Search Committee has winnowed the more than two dozen applicants down to six candidates. The six were interviewed via telephone and from this group three candidates will be selected for the next steps of the process.

• The Coordinating Council acted upon three recommendations from the Building Peace Committee: 1) to authorize installation of electric door openers at the upper level. 2) To authorize replacement of windows and doors on both levels on the south wall. This will provide greater energy efficiency and security for the building. The estimated cost for this work is \$145,000 and will be paid for by Haller Estate proceeds. 3) To authorize the Committee to engage BDP Architects [the same people that designed Phase 1] to begin conceptualing, design and estimating for the Sanctuary renovation.

October will offer two opportunities to help in preparation for 2007:

- 1) The Stewardship Campaign has room for more volunteers. Let Justin Olson or me or Janell know if you would like [or really like!] to help
- 2) Building Peace [the capital fundraising] committee will be organizing for their work early next year. Call Lisa Pomroy or me or the church office.

Both of these tasks are short-term commitments, they are an excellent way to get to know other members and they are exceedingly important to the future of Peace.

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YOUTH / CONFIRMATION

YOUTH GROUP

For all 6th—12 graders! Meets each Weds.
7:00 – 8:30pm in the senior high youth room

Come to Youth Group in October!

October 4 – The basics of dating...
What does God think?

October 11 – Bowling Night!!!!

October 18 – Forever friends

October 25 – How to live with parents

Watch for these activities in future

Peace Bells

- Caroling
- Tubbing
- Ski Trip
- A Lock in? January 12? Really???



Mark your calendars!

Summer Youth Work Camp

June 10 – 16

We'll be going to Chicago to work with DOOR.
Sign up in the entry way. Deposit of \$50 hold
your spot. Mark it work camp.

RECYCLING PEACE: Table 40" x 24" with expansion leaf and 4 chairs. Full size sofa, light colors, Aztec design. Call Simpsons, 728 - 4971

Does anyone know of a place that uses old **Greeting Cards**? Call Trudy Schwerdt at 529-5790.

Member Exchange Baskets: Have you noticed the shelves with large baskets in the narthex just across from the office? Please check the Lost and Found baskets frequently, as they fill up fast. We also hope you're checking the "Member Exchange" baskets, as there just might be something there for you! Things left in the office for another member are marked and put into these baskets.

Housing Needed: Oct. 15 – Dec. 13 for UND Physical Therapy student in town for an internship. Please contact Cathy Ameel at 724-2750.

Boys Clothes size 6/8: Looking for someone to pass boys clothes on to. Also looking for a new home for some toys. Call Lori Lind 624-1982

2 computer printers and a copy machine (free!). They are a Compaq A4000 combo printer/fax/copier/scanner, a Xerox 5305 copier, and a Canon BJC-610 color bubble jet printer. Lori Lind 624-1982

Second Year Confirmation Class

Our 10th graders will meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

October 4th -- Resurrection stories and preparing for the Life of Jesus exam.
October 18th -- Exam on the Life of Jesus; treats provided.

Remember Sunday worship beginning in the fall you need to attend 50% of the time. Also you need service hours of 4 per month.

UNICEF Carnival—October
29th 11:30-1:00pm



it's time again for Pumpkin Squirt Out, Cakewalk, Bowling, etc. Our annual UNICEF Carnival is coming up. Traditionally you all (the youth) have taken on running the games. Philip Hubert, the youth representative on the Christian Education Committee, is helping to organize the youth part...see him at Youth Group or talk to him about where you can help.

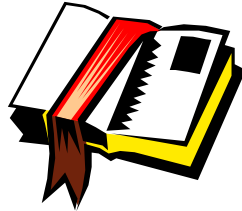
DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

By Cynthia Coffin, Children and Youth Ministries

Last night at Youth Group we gave the youth a short quiz...lets see how you do.

Which books are in the Bible?

Hezekiah
Timothy
Judas
Obadiah
Numbers
Nahum
Matthew



Which statements do you think are in the Bible?

- God helps those who help themselves.
- Do not judge, or you too will be judged.
- All men are created equal.
- Cleanliness is next to godliness.

How did you do? (answers at the bottom of this page) The youth had fun with this and did fairly well. One youth even recited several sentences from the United States Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." We talked about our favorite Bible stories; some of which were the story of Job and the parable of the mustard seed.

Then I asked this question: What is the purpose of the Bible in your life? Most everyone agreed that the Bible was a place to go for guidance and direction. It is a book full of stories about people's experience and encounters with God. But, really, how often do we open up the Bible? Where do we start? What do we read? It can be pretty intimidating. So, we decided to start small. Read a few verses every week...or maybe a chapter and then ask ourselves the questions: "What does this story or verse tell me about God?" "How is it different or the same as my own experience with God?"

I encourage you all to open up your Bibles and read together the most sold book in the United States. Start small...or big! How does the Bible fit into your life?

Answers to quiz: Check out the index in your Bible! The only statement that is in the Bible is letter c.

Blessings, Cynthia

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and nine congregations. Our collective goal is to support people living in poverty and to strive for social and economic justice throughout Duluth. Here's an update...

Thank you to all those who joined us for the Gabriel Project Ice Cream Social! It was a beautiful day honoring Sr. Molly and a success for the Gabriel Project!

The Grant Reading Partner Program is looking for volunteers who can commit to a half hour each week to read with a Grant Magnet School student for the academic year. If you are interested, please contact Veronica at the number below.

Through some amazing teamwork between tenants, city and county officials, the courts and CHUM, we now have an additional method of code enforcement when it comes to landlords who refuse to fix up their properties. In a unanimous decision, Duluth City Council voted to accept the GMHF \$200,000 to establish a "revolving maintenance fund" as allowed by the Tenant Remedies Statute!!

Thanks for all you support!! If you have any questions, please call us: Ben, Kim, Steve, Veronica or Phoebe at 625-1739

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP (continued)

emerged as a nation of misfits. It's quite judgmental, but you really find among us people who think they were born in the wrong country in the wrong time. And its not surprising for a people who were taught to say Apple for A, when the apples we get to eat during Christmas time came from the USA and other western countries, and one who could speak English, however ungrammatical, is considered a better speaker than the most fluent Visayan poet. Even our religion has political shades, and unfortunately created more divisions.

But then, if one goes deeper and beyond our obvious differences, you will see a people unified by experience. A sad experience of oppression, exploitation and humiliation that gradually shaped a common vision, a vision which is not confined to economic, political and even cultural interests, but rather spiritual. This is what palpitates in the Filipino soul and can only be experienced by living with the people. This is the fountainhead of our hopes and struggle, and though it is difficult to articulate, we want to share this with you. This is what gives meaning to our mission, deeper than the physical accomplishments and development that most of our leaders desperately crave.

It is Faith that moves us, and will guide us through these perilous times. It is our yearning for peace and justice that would strengthen us to fight against the violence and injustice.

On the other hand, it has been a very rare opportunity for us to have someone who listens, and is seriously intent in understanding our struggles. Our partnership has been a blessing; we can only wish you could see how our children smile upon reading the letters from your children. It proves that beyond racial and political divisions, messages could get across and celebrate our primal commonalities. We need to just ask the children.

We also wish to acknowledge the gifts you have sent us. We are planning to have the books photocopied, so each partner congregation can have a copy. During the PEER Committee Meeting, we decided to start the installation of the Data Bank for our Partnership, thru which all information and resource materials will be stored and utilized.

We hope to hear from you soon. We are sending a lot of letters, messages and some tokens from the local congregations.

Again, thank you for the Partnership.

In Christ, Greggo Uratte

PEER Chairperson

Rev. Jovenal Bagnol

Conference Minister

DINNER WITH BISHOP TANTE CLARO

Friday October 27 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join with our Philippine Partnership Committee to share a meal with Bishop Tante Claro from the Philippines. We are honored to have him visiting with us to help us learn more about our partner churches in the Philippines.

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP

August 17, 2006 Surigao City Philippines

The Peace UCC Congregation Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Partners,

Greeting of Justice and Peace.

It has been a while since our last correspondence. The time in-between has really been exciting and fruitful. It saw a lot of activities and accomplishments which we would like to share with you, hoping that it will fuel the warmth of our sharing and strengthen our partnership.

In our letter last June 2006, we had initially mentioned that we will soon be sending you the results of the Partnership Fellowship: one of the key activities we conducted at the local church level. The success of activity and the enthusiastic response from the local congregation prompted us to share with you the highlights of the month-long activity, which carried us from a lakeside community in the mainland to the coastal communities in the islands of Siargao and Dinagat.

The Partnership Fellowship is a day long affair, which we designed to fall on a Sunday and involves not just the local partnership committees and its leaders, but the whole congregation, including children and youth. The activity focuses in a liturgical and community celebration on Partnership. It also included an Orientation on our Partnership, a presentation of the PEACE UCC (based on the limited data we gleaned from your website), and an inter-generational workshop. We are proposing that we observe a Partnership Sunday, to highlight our bond.

The Partnership Fellowship is partly reminiscent of the HANDULANTAW Process in which we examine our faith and tried to synthesize our experiences. In a way, the Partnership Fellowship did just that, albeit on a limited scope, but it also prompted us to relive the faith journey of the three local congregations and determine the contributions of the men, women, youth and children to its growth.

Allow us to share our reflections which reaffirm our faith and strengthen our bond with the struggle of our people.

In spite of the alarming socio-political conditions in our country, wherein rampant and brutal violence claimed the lives of our best community leaders, and sowed terror in the citizenry, the church had lived up to its mission, denouncing evil and continued to speak for the voiceless and oppressed.

It is our realization that a church rooted in a prophetic tradition, and constantly exercising its mission could never be silenced.

The sense of justice and love is so deeply imbedded in its psyche, that ignoring injustice and turning a deaf ear to the cries of protest, is equal to denouncing the basic tenets of love and peace. This is what we hear from the ordinary people, and it is not spoken in anger or rage. It is a sober and solemn statement of commitment, and it gives the church the foundation strong enough to outlast the storms of oppression engulfing our country.

Some say we are a people in search of an "identity". It may be true, after centuries of colonization and deliberate, if not actually successful attempts to strip us of our inherent cultural values, we



ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Forums — 9:30 Sunday Mornings in the Fireside Room (topic focus)
and the Conference Room (Bible Study on the lectionary)

Grab a cup of coffee in the Narthex, and join us!

Lectionary study: New this fall, every Sunday through the beginning of Advent we will have a Bible Study series based on one (or more) of the Scripture texts for the week. The sessions will be at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the conference room and will have a different person facilitating each week. All interested people are encouraged to attend. Questions? Tom Little 279-1911

Topic Focus: Sunday, October 1st – Jim Soderberg, Executive Director of CHUM will kick off a series on exploring the ministries of Churches United in Ministry, of which we are an active part. Jim will talk about the history and some exciting new happenings such as RUAH (rehabbing, urban, affordable housing)

Sunday, October 8th – Learning about the ministries of the **CHUM Food Shelf and CHUM Church**, a worship experience for adults with developmental disabilities. We are hosting Chum Church later that afternoon and volunteers are always needed.

Sunday, October 15 – Learning about the ministries of the **Chum Drop In Center and Emergency Shelter**. Kim Randolph the director will be with us and has amazing photos she has taken.

Sunday, October 22 – Economic Justice with John and Lyn Clark Pegg and a guest speaker (see page 11)

Sunday, October 29 – Learning more about the **Gabriel Project** which includes helping us help our neighbors and members through the services of a part time social worker and funds to help with emergency needs and works with community advocacy. Some of the recent advocacy work includes the Tenants Remedy Act, Lincoln Park Neighborhood meetings and a letter writing campaign around dental access issues.

November 5– Jim Johnson and Marlene Wisuri will present a reading and slide show from their book The Co-op Label. The book deals with the issues of immigration, cooperation, and their relevance in our society. A discussion will follow.

“Living the Questions”—Weds. Study

Beginning on **Wednesday, October 4th** we will use the DVD series “Living the Questions” for our 6 – 7 pm adult forums. Each week there will be handouts and a short DVD to kick off the conversation. Authors of this study include: Marcus Borg, Tex Sample, John Spong and others.

THEMES

- 1 An Invitation to Journey
- 2 Thinking Theologically
- 3 Creativity and Stories of Creation
- 4 Restoring Relationships
- 5 Evil and a God of Love: The Place of Suffering
- 6 Intimacy with God
- 7 Social Justice and The Prophets

- 8 A Kingdom Without Walls: Ruth & Jonah
- 9 Lives of Jesus
- 10 Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- 11 A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle
- 12 Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christianity

Ongoing themes will include:

- Biblical authority
- Metaphor and how it shapes us
- The Jesus/Christ dichotomy
- What does faith look like in the 21st Century?

IF you want more information talk with Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean.

www.peaceucc.org Update

What happened to our web site?

On August 30, the company hosting our web site appears to have shut off their servers and closed their doors leaving our web site and thousands of others without service. Our first priority was to bring the email system back up at the church and then begin on the web site. Fortunately we had backups.

It seems like this is the opportune time to update site. Soon all the links will again work and new functionality will be added. Your ideas and help are always appreciated.

Working for Peace and Justice?

Please let us know.

Often when people are considering visiting Peace Church, they take a look at our web site to see whether we might be a good fit. What better describes us than the peace and justice actions of which our members and friends are a part? We are attempting to briefly document these actions on our web site. To do this, we need your help.

Although it may be impossible to capture all the activities, we would like to give a fair illustration of what they are. Examples: Habitat for Humanity, Anti-Racism team, Witness for Peace, various peace actions, Crop Walk and the list goes on and on.

If you are involved in or know of a peace and justice activity, please let us know. Please provide the name of the organization or event. When possible, please provide a picture, web address, contact name etc. Contact information is above.

About your privacy

If you visit our web site you will notice that there are places where photos of our members are used. Please let me know if you would prefer not to have your picture used. Persons in the pictures are not named.

To respond to any items above see Cindy McLean, email cindy@peaceucc.org or leave materials in the web mailbox. You may also leave materials in the office.

Phase II Building Committee

Well, Fall has arrived and with the cool weather our thoughts turn to staying warm. The beginning of Phase 2 will address this issue. Starting in October we will begin to make changes to our building to improve the energy efficiency of our space. We will be eliminating some windows on the southern side (facing the lower parking lot) of the building. Yes, it will cost us a little bit in views, but that will be fairly minimal. Detailed plans will be posted to show which windows are affected. We will also be improving the insulation around, and the energy quality of many of the other windows. Furthermore, our heating controls will receive a long overdue upgrade that will allow us to heat (and cool) more efficiently and to increase the life expectancy of our current boilers. These changes will help us be ready for a future time when we will need to convert to non-fossil fuel based heating and cooling.

If we call the energy improvements Phase 2a, we are also proceeding with plans for Phase 2b. Phase 2b will be the work on remodeling the sanctuary. We have reviewed some very preliminary plans from the architects, and are working on getting some cost figures before presenting some ideas to the congregation sometime this Fall. Our time line will be to have a design selected by next spring and begin construction after a successful capital campaign.

Please remember, we absolutely must have you keep up to date on your capital campaign pledge to be able to do this work!

Building Committee Members:
Jim McLean, Dennis Crumb, Dick Goese, Betty Greene, Dan Green, John Erickson, Tim Carpenter

NEIGHBORS IN NEED
 OFFERING — OCTOBER 1, 2006

Neighbors in Need is the church's financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the U.S. It is distributed to a wide array of congregations and non-profits working for justice and helping their neighbors in their communities and across the country. One-third of the offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry, including the 20 American Indian congregations in the UCC. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice advocacy, just peace and peace with justice programs, and community grants.

Contributing to Neighbors in Need is a way of joining with the UCC in a common commitment to justice and compassion. It is an expression of loving our neighbors as ourselves.

SHARE Community Food Drive
 Sat Oct 28

Help stock Duluth Food Shelves! Groups from around Duluth will be going door to door collecting food from 9-1pm on Saturday morning. Be sure to put nonperishable food in a bag marked SHARE by 9 am.

Consider including an unsealed card with a message of hope for folks who use area food shelves.

Ideas—canned meals, soups, peanut butter, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc. Help your neighbors in need!

Many volunteers are also needed to help out. Call CHUM Food Shelf 727-2391.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN
 WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

If you are a parent of a child with special needs and would like an opportunity to talk with other parents about the unique dimensions of parenting the go along with that role, please plan on joining us on **the third Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30**. Jen Murphy will be facilitating this group, and you will have the opportunity to suggest topics as we plan for future meetings. There is dinner available before the meeting with the regular Wednesday Nite meals, Faith-Weavers after the dinner for 5-10 year olds, as well as child care available in the nursery during the meeting time.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE
Focus on Nutrition

As the school year starts out, I have heard many disheartening news stories about the state of childhood health. We are raising a generation of children who are at increased risk for Type II Diabetes, obesity, and other preventable diseases. We can all offer opinions about what is happening at home and in school that are contributing to this problem and there has been plenty of research about it, but what do we do?

The Health and Wellness Committee is focusing on many aspects of nutrition this year as a way of addressing this topic. We will be working with Nadine on the Wednesday Night meals on Committee Night to promote meals made with locally obtained, whole foods. We will be talking about portion size and nutritional values, as well as other nutrition issues. If you have suggestions about topics or areas of concern, please contact a member of the **Health and Wellness committee: Cizzarie Schomberg, Bob and Kay Stevens, Lisa Messerer, Bill Simpson, Laurie Berner, Danny Johnson and Judy Seliga-Punyko.**

JUST PEACE

PEACE UCC - A JUST PEACE CHURCH TAKING A SMALL STEP to promote peace and justice within ourselves, our church, our community and the world. A Just Peace Church strives to achieve this goal through spiritual development, education, community witness and political advocacy.

October's Small Step: "I SPY FAIR TRADE * " - a Secret Shopper opportunity!!

* Fair trade products support living wages, labor rights, and healthy conditions for workers

After 9/11, we were told to be "patriotic," go back to our normal lives, and go shopping. Now, 5 years later, we offer you a chance to be both "patriotic" and a "justice-minded" shopper at the same time! As our Small Step this month we ask you to use our I Spy Fair Trade Product Inventory Checklist (found on the back of this page) to assess how many Fair Trade foods our local supermarkets offer. As we become more aware of fair trade goods and as consumer demand increases, more and more products will become available. So, we are asking you to:

1. Go to your favorite supermarket and browse the aisles for Fair Trade foods; check off those you find on the list. *This step is the most important for your own awareness. If you want to do even more, go on to steps 2 and/or 3.*
2. Present your inventory sheet to the store manager. Ask to speak with him or her about ways they can expand their current Fair Trade offerings (see websites below).
3. Place the results of your inventory in the Just Peace mailbox. We could form "I Spy" teams to monitor local supermarkets' inventories and to advocate for Fair Trade products.

There are a growing number of "fair trade" items on supermarket shelves. In addition to coffee, there are a host of Fair Trade foods including chocolate, hot cocoa, tea, sugar, rice, bananas, mangoes, pineapples and more. Some supermarkets even carry Fair trade craft items, household goods, accessories. Many Fair Trade items are available to supermarkets through their existing distributors and are available for purchase from Fair Trade wholesalers around the country.

Good luck and keep your eyes open! You never know what exciting Fair Trade products you may discover!

How to find Fair Trade products:

TransFair USA

Look for the Fair Trade Certified label: When you shop, look for products carrying the TransFair USA seal. Learn more at www.transfairusa.org.



Fair Trade Federation

The [Fair Trade Federation](http://www.fairtradefederation.org) is an association of Fair Trade wholesalers, retailers, and producers whose members are committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers worldwide. FTF members supply a host of Fair Trade items, including crafts, clothing, food items, body care items, jewelry, and much more. Go to www.fairtradefederation.org

Coop America has a great deal of information about Fair Trade: www.coopamerican.org



I Spy Fair Trade Product Inventory Checklist

This list is non-exhaustive! Keep an eye out for other products and be sure to fill them in!

Supermarket name: _____

Supermarket location: _____

Store Manager: _____

"I Spy" secret shopper name: _____

Contact phone or Email: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Bananas
<input type="checkbox"/> Tea	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate
<input type="checkbox"/> Cocoa	<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar
<input type="checkbox"/> Pineapple	<input type="checkbox"/> Mangoes
<input type="checkbox"/> Brazil Nuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive Oil	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Butter	<input type="checkbox"/> Coconut Oil
<input type="checkbox"/> Bags/Purses	<input type="checkbox"/> Baskets
<input type="checkbox"/> House wares	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Towels

PROPHETIC SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

The time seems just right for the Peace Church community to engage in a deeper and more comprehensive study of what it means for us to be a "Just Peace Church" and to determine how we can fulfill the mandate to "oppose war and understand the relationship of justice to security from violence." We made that commitment nearly twenty years ago, and now, more than ever, we are challenged to fulfill the commandment of Jesus Christ to "love our neighbors as ourselves."

We invite the Peace Church community to explore that choice within the light of our biblical heritage and the guiding wisdom of our faith. The United Church of Christ has embraced the theme of "God is still speaking," meaning that prophesies are still coming true, that if we look we can see God working in our midst and if we listen we can hear God's words.

In the coming year, on the fourth Sundays from September through May, we will focus on various aspects of creating a more just world, each path bringing us closer to peace. Join us on this journey of discovering how we can be a Just Peace church. Here is this month's topic:

Oct. 22 - Economic justice "Free Market Globalization: Who Wins, Who Loses?" - Lyn & John Pegg with guest Octavio Ruiz of the Minnesota Fair Trade Coalition and Resource Center of the Americas

Leviticus 25, the principle of "Jubilee"

Isaiah 58: 5-9, "What is the fast that God requires?"

Luke 4: 18-19, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good news to the poor . . . to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord"

Nov. 26 - Energy Justice "The Greatest Challenge" with Phil Cook