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Peace Church Winter Camp at Wolf Ridge  
 Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>

Join other members and friends at beautiful Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center for a great weekend away. We begin with dinner on Friday night and then have time for getting acquainted, brief vespers, activities with a naturalist and a bonfire with s'mores. After breakfast on Saturday there are tons of activities or time to just sit with friends or read a book. Some of the activities include the outdoor high ropes course, indoor rock climbing, cross-country skiing, going to chickadee landing and feeding the birds out of your hands and much more. In the evening we will again have time together and vespers. Sunday morning is worship and breakfast, clean-up and heading home.

The theme of this year's camp is "Creating Community" — what an intricate web of life we are a part of — each of us has our place in this creation . . . "we too are intricately made, wonderfully woven in the depths of the earth"— Psalm 139. Our worship times will include singing, reading from this Psalm, parts of *Charlotte's Web* and some of the words of Chief Seattle.

The cost of the weekend, including housing and food is \$87.50 per person with kids 4 and under free. You often share a 4 bunk bed room with others, but you have choices for your roomies. Scholarships are available for those who need financial aid. Sign up now and get your deposit of \$50 per person in by December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions talk with Pastor Kathy, Cizzarie Schomberg or Julie Flotten. New-comers are always welcome!

Sunday January 14 - Winter Camp Planning Meeting  
 at 11:30 in the Fireside Room. It is important that everyone going to Winter Camp attend this meeting. We will be making room assignments, completing paperwork, and talking about what to bring and what not to bring.

Remodeling Project Info Meetings

Thursday, January 4 and January 18

Meet with the building committee and our architects, see the drawings and give feed back on the remodeling of our sanctuary.

Annual Financial Meeting-Sunday, January 21 at 11:30



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Welcome to worship at Peace Church—Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am

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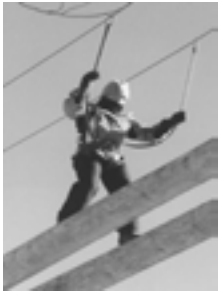
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**PEACE BELL** is a monthly publication of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota. *Our vision is to be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love 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!

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Soon we begin a new year, 2007. It is a year that will bring many changes to our congregation – a new associate pastor, the remodeling of the sanctuary and a sabbatical for me. It is a year that will hold many other changes for our world and each of us in it. We come together each week to worship our living God, to gain courage for the changes, and to share our joy. We gain strength from one another for this journey. The strength we gather from one another and our God is the reason for our partnership with our three congregations in the Philippines; it is the reason we are so involved with Chum and the Gabriel Project. Together we can make it through the changes that inevitably are a part of our journeys.



Last January I did the high ropes course at winter camp. My family had all done it and so the challenge was issued. Clairra, a 10 year old and I were buddies – helping each other through. As we put on our harnesses—I said, “Clairra, look how safe we will be – even 30 feet up – we have all this equipment.” She smiled and said, “And we have God.” Clairra went first – she did great until she got to the single cable. You’re 30 feet up with one cable for your feet and two wires high above your head that you are harnessed into. You hold on to your harness and walk across. No go, Clairra was paralyzed. The staff didn’t know how to get her across. I finally remembered what she said, “Remember Clairra – you’ve got God”. She stepped out – one step, two, and then the rest went well.

We step out in faith into a way of living that often feels like you’re 30 feet up – we are called to the kingdom that calls for justice for the poor and an extravagant welcome to all. We step out on the words of encouragement from Christ, our amazing teacher. We step out on the promises of the one who breathed on the disciples and us, saying, “Remember I am with you always even to the end of the age . . .”

Christ is with us . . . let us dare to follow our amazing teacher into this new year and well beyond.

Hey, and if you want to try the high ropes course—there is still room for this year’s winter camp at Wolf Ridge – January 26 –28. It will be great – this year’s theme is Creating Community.

*Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy*

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES** All boards and committees will meet on **Wednesday**, January 10th. Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm.

**COORDINATING COUNCIL** The Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is a crucial meeting as we finalize the 2007 Budget.

## COMMUNITY

### In Honor of Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ecumenical service will be held at Christ Temple Church on Sunday, January 14 at 5 pm

The **MLK Breakfast** will be held on Monday morning, January 15, at 7am at First United Methodist Church (Copper Top Church). The keynote speaker will be Ms. Roslyn Brock, Vice Chairperson of the NAACP National Board of Directors.

The **Annual March** will commence at 11:30 am from the Washington Center at Lake Ave. North and Fourth Street, ending at the DECC Auditorium.

The **Rally** will be held at the DECC Auditorium from Noon until 1:30 pm. The keynote speaker to be announced.

**New Twin Ports PFLAG**  
(Parents and Friends of  
Lesbians & Gays)

First Thursday of month  
6:30 – 8pm at Chester Creek Café  
This is an education and support group for straight family and friends to network and learn from each other and resource people. More info, call Faris or Bonnie Keeling at 728-4027.

### Opening Our Hearts, Opening Our Doors Conference

*Helping congregations become more  
open and affirming to GLBT people*



April 27 and 28 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Peace Church will be co-sponsoring this conference this year, along with Gloria Dei Lutheran. **The steering committee is looking for individuals who would be willing to participate as volunteers** in some way, from helping with publicity, to helping with food. There will be a number of opportunities to share your gifts. Please contact Pastor Kathy or Dennis Crumb at 728-4444 if you feel you are able to help out in some way.

### Sponsors for Changing Lives Orientation Training

January 10th and 11th from 6:00-8:00 pm  
Dinner will be provided from 5:30-6:00 pm

Caring men from the Duluth area are invited to come and learn more about sponsoring an ex-offender returning to our community. We will discuss responsibilities and commitments of the sponsor as well as provide you with tools and suggestions for supporting returnees.

When ex-offenders return home after being incarcerated, they need help reintegrating back into the community. They face many significant barriers such as finding employment and housing, and many struggle with sobriety. Having an ally in the community can make all the difference. You are invited to Men As Peacemaker’s ex-offender sponsor training to learn about how you can become a guide to a man returning to our community.

There is no commitment attached! After the training, you can decide whether or not sponsoring an ex-offender is the way you want to get involved.

Questions? Call or Email Tyler at 727-1939 ext.13,  
[tyler@menaspeacemakers.org](mailto:tyler@menaspeacemakers.org)

Men As Peacemakers 205 W. 2nd St – Suite 15  
Duluth, MN 55802

## JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Nursery

- 7 Monica Liddle, Carolyn Williams, Julia Horner
- 14 Carla Langdon-Larson, Melanie Lundell, Christa Knudsen
- 21 Beth Kinney, Nam Provost, Barb Hanka
- 28 Amy Fitzpatrick, Maggie Fink, Maddy Carpenter

### Coffee Set-Up

- 7 Caroline Harris, Daina Rosen
- 14 Linda Lundberg, Susan Kehtel
- 21 Sally Larson, Karie Simpson
- 28 Bill and Lisa Pomroy



### Coffee Server/Dishwasher

- 7 Mary Wergeland, Volunteer needed
- 14 Judy Seliga-Punyko, Penny Cragun
- 21 Jim Larson, Jayme Hennen
- 28 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland

### Ushers

- 7 Pomroys, Mike Swanoski, Nettie Bothwell
- 14 John & Lyn Clark Pegg, Laurie and Mariah Berner
- 21 Lori Lind family, Diana Soland, Peter Barnett
- 28 Mike and Linda Lundberg, Mary Martin, Beth Bartlett

### Greeters

- 7 Todd and Lori Lind family
- 14 Jonie and Carla Langdon-Larson
- 21 Lynn and Pat Devlin
- 28 Jayme Hennen, Justin Olson



### Lay Leaders

- 7 Cindy McLean
- 14 Betty Greene
- 21 Sharon Kirtley
- 28 Karie Simpson

### Monday Meal

(at Loaves and Fishes)

- 1 Meal Angel Respite
- 8 Beth Bartlett
- 15 Sandy Moore
- 22 Penny and Rodger Cragun
- 29 Clark Peggs

### Damiano Soup Kitchen

January 14

- 1:30: Bev and Dave Cave, Dave and Holly Jorde
- 4:00 Carrie Plamann and Rolf Hagberg, Wendy Sjoblom

### Communion Servers

#### 8:30 Service

- 7 Lyn Kaim
- 14 Susan Kehtel
- 21 Steve Coll
- 28 McLeans

#### 10:30 Service

January 7  
Lundbergs



### Wednesday Helpers

- 3 4:30 Prep=Hummingbird, Nettie Bothwell  
Clean-up=Youth Group
- 10 4:30 Prep=Bill Simpson, Cizzarie S.  
Clean-up=Just Peace Committee
- 17 4:30 Prep=Essie Geiger, Nick Zeitler  
Clean-up=Barb Hanka family
- 24 4:30 Prep=Jessie Schomberg, Kaelene A-H  
Clean-up=Holly and Doug B-B
- 31 4:30 Prep=Jonie L-L, Barb Forrest  
Clean-up=Brian Timm, Patty Beech

## SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

Worship is each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Childcare is Available During Both Services! Our Early Service is always a communion service with times of quiet. Special music is often a part of this worship time. Our 10:30 am service has communion the first Sunday of each month and includes a children's time and singing by our choir. The Praise Band often plays the second and fourth Sundays of each month at this service. The sermon and prayers are the same for each service.

### **Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany Sunday**

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6 and Matthew 2: 1 – 12  
Sermon: "Lighting the Way"

This morning we will celebrate communion at both our services. We will have a special "enlightening" mission moment.

### **Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5 and John 2: 1 – 11  
Sermon: "Revealing Love"

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Ben Blazevic, and our Praise band will help to lead music during our 10:30 service.

### **Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Our Open and Affirming Committee will lead our worship this morning. Today we will honor and thank John Ameel for his many years of service (15+) as our financial recorder. We will also dedicate the Lily Grant monies received for Pastor Kathy's upcoming sabbatical (June 3–September 3, 2007.)

**Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow our 10:30 service this day. Please stay as we adopt our 2007 budget, vote on a proposal to hire the James Company to help us with the raising of funds for Phase 2 of our building project — "Opening Doors, Building Peace and Praising God."** There will be two sessions prior to this morning to see the drawings and give feedback to this important remodeling of our sanctuary. Meet with the building committee and our architects on Thursdays, **January 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** in the Fireside Room.

### **Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture: I Corinthians 13 and Luke 4: 21 – 30  
Sermon: "Living Love"

### ADULT FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30am

Fireside Room (topic focus)

Conference Room (Bible Study on Scripture texts for the week)

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

**Sunday, January 7 – Energy Efficiency in Your Home** – a discussion with Dean Talbott (MN Power) and Eric Schlacks (Comfort Systems) about ways we can reduce our electric and heating bills.

(See more on p.9)

**Sunday, January 14 – Voices from United** – Come and hear more about what is going on at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Some of seminarians will be with us as well as Kathleen Redmund, the church relations staff person for United.

**Sunday, January 21 – "Coming Out, Coming In"** a DVD in which several GLBT people tell their stories of exclusion/inclusion in the Christian church. Members of our Open and Affirming Committee will help to lead the discussion.

**Sunday, January 28 – DVD from the Questions of Faith series, "What is Faith?"**

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Please keep watching for dates for the revamped "Dinners for Eight"; which we are now calling "Peace Meals...Getting To Know You". With all our new members we felt this would be a great way to connect long-time members with new members. Dates and host information will be posted soon and dinners will be held in January.

Questions? Please call Melissa Kadlec (724-7888) or Jeannie Peterson (724-6313)

### Contemplative Prayer

*a time of reflection & sharing for women*

Saturday January 20 at 9:30

To be held the **third Saturday of the month** starting in January from 9:30 to 10:30 or 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room. To be facilitated by Leigh McMullen. Time together will consist of a brief time for centering/quiet; text/prayer read; time of silence/reflection; time for sharing what touches your life/your heart; prayer offering for one another. If you have questions contact [leighmcmullen46@hotmail.com](mailto:leighmcmullen46@hotmail.com) or call 525-7804.

### Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 31 at noon

The Brown Bag Bible Study Group will meet on the second floor of the Benedictine Health Center. Bring your lunch—coffee provided, Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.



### Questions on the Way

Every **Tuesday** at 12 noon

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

Take your lunch break in the Fireside Room at Peace Church with other inquiring minds.

### Remodeling Project Info Meetings

Thursday, January 4 and January 18

The Building Committee will be holding two **Phase 2b Remodeling Project informational meetings** – January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. The Architects will present the preliminary plans for the Sanctuary Remodeling They are seeking feedback from the congregation, which will be used to develop final plans that might be ready by March.

### Got an Itch for a Niche??

Peace Church is an active, busy place with lots of kids and lots of activities centered around them. This is good and as it should be. But, are you as an adult feeling a bit left out of all this activity? Or, as a parent, do you occasionally long for temporary escape??

If this applies to you, join us **Tuesday, January 30th at 7:30 pm** at Dick and Linda Goese's home (4730 London Road) to explore the possibility of starting an adult group. Our preliminary thoughts are to meet once a month at someone's home (to allow adult food and drink) on a set day of the month with a program of general interest outside of topics already being discussed at church. This might include personal travelogue, guest speaker, movie night, or a meal together, etc.

If you have questions, call: Dick or Linda Goese 525-3412, or Bill or Lisa Pomroy 525-1091.

### Men's Retreat at Isernhagen's cabin

March 2 - 4

### Women's Retreat

Caribou Highlands Resort near Lutsen

April 21-22

We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch Saturday. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night.

## UPDATE ON HMONG FAMILY

### May Lee Dies by Pat Miller, former Peace Church member

In the early 1980s Peace Church and Lakeside Presbyterian Church sponsored Hmong refugee families from Laos who wished to move to the United States. The Hmong, who had been living in the hills of Laos, were recruited by the CIA to fight a proxy war aimed at preventing North Vietnamese troops from entering South Vietnam through Laos during the Vietnam conflict. Hmong who escaped repercussions from Laotian authorities after the war ended, had been living for years in Thai refugee camps prior to coming to Duluth, St. Paul and other US locations.

The family that settled in Duluth included May Lee, who had fought in the US proxy military; his wife, Mao; children Nou Lee and Vee Chang; May's sister Yer and her daughter, Mee; and May's mother, Chue. They were sponsored by Peace Church. Many other local churches sponsored families at the same time. A young single man, Chia Vang, was sponsored by Lakeside Presbyterian. The first summer the families were here, Chia married Yer Lee.

After two or three years, the entire group moved to St. Paul to join the large Hmong community there. A few years later several of the family members moved to California. Chue, May's mother, died four years ago. Three years ago, May was among former Hmong soldiers invited to the White House to receive official recognition from the United States for helping to fight the communists.

In October, May Lee was killed in a car accident in Iowa while returning from a hunting trip. May had eight children in all. May's oldest children, Nou Lee and Vee Chang both have college educations and are working in various professions. His other children are in college or high school. Living in St. Paul, May had been very active in fighting for human rights for the Hmong who remain in Laos.

May's funeral was held over three days, culminating in a military service Oct. 17 in St. Paul. A large number of the St. Paul Hmong community came to pay their respects. May's body, in military dress, was available for viewing. During the service a military honor guard of Hmong, all wearing military dress uniforms with US flags on one shoulder, stood at attention. Taps were played.

Yer Lee's daughter, Mee, phoned former Peace Church member Pat Miller to inform her of May's death and invite her to come to the funeral and to see the family members. Pat and her husband Dave and Lakeside Presbyterian member Cindy Martinson attended the funeral. The letter from Mee concluded with these words: "I wanted to thank your family on behalf of the rest of our family for the opportunity to come to this country and share in the wonderful things it has to offer. I hope this letter gets to you and that we hear from you. Take Care and God Bless."

**Why are Church Leaders and Peacemakers Targeted in the Philippines?**

The grinding effects of poverty in the Philippines compels priests and pastors to place a heavier emphasis on the prophetic ministry of the church for both Roman Catholic and Protestants. The prophetic witness of the church and its leaders has come at such a heavy price -- the death of priests and pastors and lay members serving their communities, especially in the rural areas. The engagement of Christians in the life and suffering of the people leads them to challenge policies and practices that keep poverty entrenched. Among the themes identified by church leaders include:

1. Government neglect. Basic social services are simply not available. Government pronouncements are mere rhetoric to keep the people in the capitol ignorant of the realities in the countrysides. In natural calamities such as the flooding in Quezon province and the mudslide in Leyte, the private sector and the church proved to be faster and more efficient in delivering relief and rehabilitation services. Education and health services are a luxury in many places.
2. Government corruption. Pastors and priests see the relationship between corruption and poor governance. Government does not have the political will to put a stop to corruption. The President herself is known to be corrupt as are the military and police generals around her. She has used whatever power the presidency has, legal or not, to try to parry off the charges of corruption, the latest being the multimillion peso fertilizer scandal. Pastors and priests speak out loudly against corruption.
3. Development aggression. The church is not against development per se but when government promotes unaccountable development that: (1) is harmful to the health and sustainability of the people, (2) causes the dislocation of indigenous people, (3) disturbs the ecology, (4) favors foreign multinational companies (MNCs) and (5) is harmful to the posterity of our country, then the church has to speak out. The requirement for the church to speak out is even more urgent if the military and police become the security guards and state partners acting in coordination with MNC's interests to drive indigenous people away from their ancestral domain.

Large-scale mining and logging concessions that operate only to extract raw resources with short-term employment and little to no lasting benefits to the local and national economy are among the projects the churches have considered destructive forms of development.

4. Suppression of people's organizations. When the expression of legitimate peoples' organizations is suppressed or intimidated by state actors this is an area where pastors and priests cannot be silent. Pastors, priests and lay leaders cannot be silent in the face of the repression of people who air their demands for justice. In many places, clergy and lay leaders of the church are regarded as the more educated members in their communities. Pastors and priests do not really have a choice but to be the shield and safeguard for those who find themselves intimidated or harassed or otherwise threatened for their efforts to voice the need for changes.

Among the many tenets that keep poverty entrenched is the failure of elected government to implement comprehensive land reform. Absence of land reform has left the Philippines a backward feudalistic agricultural society. The concentration of land ownership reflects the remains of the early feudal society during Spanish colonization (1503-1889). Campaigns for comprehensive land reform remain one of the themes of legitimate peoples' organizations including church groups, peasant organizations and party-list groups.

5. Claiming the Promise for Human Rights. Pastors and priests are harassed, threatened, placed under surveillance and killed because we teach people to call for and stand up for their human rights - to own the land they till, to have decent homes and wages and to enjoy basic social services - the abundant life that Christ offers to all. For Filipino clergy, we do not have to learn any certain political analysis - we simply have to be faithful to what Jesus wants His people to be, to know that this is not taking place in our country. We simply want to be obedient to the Gospel of peace and justice.

Prepared by Fr. Rex Reyes, National Council of Churches in the Philippines

- 5pm: Children's Choir in Music Room
- 5:30: Dinner for all
- 6pm: Faith Weavers
- 6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room (Living the Questions)
- 6pm: Inquirer's Class January 24 and 31
- 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 December 13th at 6 pm

**WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME JAN. 3RD—JOIN US!**



**FAITH WEAVERS**  
**WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM**  
**KINDERGARTEN—5TH GRADE**

This winter and spring we're going to hear stories of Jesus... his life, his last days, his friends, and what it all means for us! Through games, crafts, songs and skits we'll explore his life. Join us each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Lakeview Room.

**Important Parent Information**

Parents: Thanks for all your help on Wednesday nights! Because of your willingness to help out, everyone only has to help 1-2 times for the rest of the year! Way to go! Watch for a letter in your mail for a helper schedule. Please show up by 5:45 to find out what your role is for the night you're scheduled.

Still looking for parents or other adult volunteers to lead Faith Weavers the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Have a special skill or talent... or just like hanging out with kids? Come join us on Wednesday night!

*Don't forget to check  
 Wednesday Helper Schedule on  
 Volunteer Page—page 18.*

**Living the Questions Adult Formation**

Wednesdays at 6pm

Join us each Wednesday as we reflect on several scripture passages, watch a short DVD, take time for discussion and prayer. Authors of this study include: Marcus Borg, Tex Sample, John Spong and others. Come for one or all of the classes. We would love to have you join us!

**THEMES—Join us for any one or all !!!**

- 9. Lives of Jesus—January 3
- 10. Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry—January 10
- 11. A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle—January 17

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

**Children's Choir**

We'll be starting up again Jan 3rd. Cynthia Coffin will continue to lead us in singing, games, dance, and learning musical notation. Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. See you Wednesdays at 5pm...

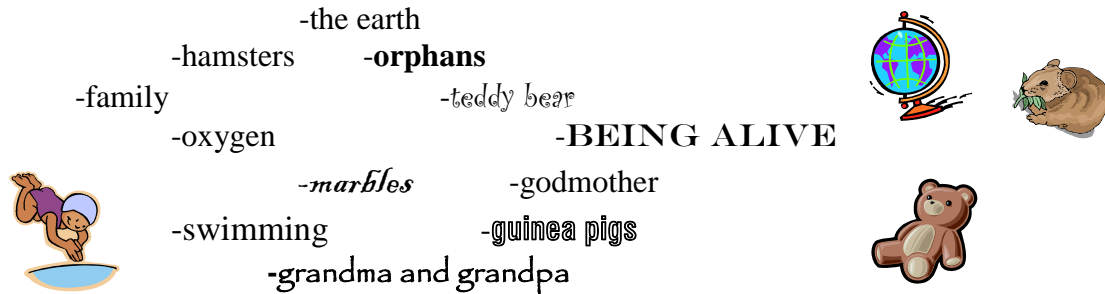
*Please check the Lost and Found and  
 Member Exchange baskets in the Narthex  
 (near the coat rack across from the office).  
 They are overflowing!*

## THE SECRET TO LIVING A LONG LIFE

By Cynthia Coffin, Children and Youth Ministries

This winter has been pretty warm so far, but January can often be a long cold month here in Duluth. What keeps you going during the short days and long nights? What puts a smile on your face and warms your heart? Are you doing the things you love and care about?

I asked some of our children what are things they care deeply about. Here are their responses:



I went to a birthday party the other day for a woman who was turning ninety years old. She is still going strong after all these years! When she was asked to get up and share a few words with her guests, she said, "I want to share with you the secret to living a long life." My ears perked up and I was ready to take notes! Her wisdom is summed up in one simple phrase, "You must care deeply and be passionate about something in your life." She said it doesn't matter what it is... friends, family, a hobby, animals, volunteering, collecting stamps, taking pictures... it doesn't matter what it is... guinea pigs and marbles... but if you care deeply about something, it will keep you going strong! Your heart will be filled and you will look forward to each new day.

This is great wisdom from someone who has lived a long life. Do we at Peace Church care deeply? Yes! It is clear that we care deeply for our children. This year's Christmas pageant was a great success because we had so many of you helping out with all the details. We love to let our children shine through acting and music. Thank you to all who helped out this year!

As we think about the New Year and maybe some resolutions we want to implement in our lives, reflect on those things you care most deeply about. Let us make more time for those things this coming year. Let us follow the example Jesus gave us to care deeply for the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. Let us find more time and more ways to reach out to all God's children.

*Peace Church Angels*

*Blessings, Cynthia*

-swimming

-guinea pigs

### Recycling Peace

Double bed, mattress, box spring and frame, available free. Call Emily at 628-0438

## PEACE PEOPLE (CONTINUED)

➤ To Leanne Ventrella for donating a subscription of New Moon magazine to the Church Library.

➤ To Barb Forrest for bringing in a wonderful holiday lunch for the staff!

➤ To Katie Sawyer (and her parents) who again coordinated our giving tree for Life House and Loaves and Fishes and delivered the gifts. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful response—the tags were gone in no time, and the gifts came pouring in! We were able to give over 50 gifts to the youth of Life House and folks at Loaves and Fishes.

➤ To Jim and Cindy McLean for getting the trees for our sanctuary and for decorating them so beautifully, and for organizing a special solstice gathering in the Fireside Room.

➤ To Marian and Mark Jensen for creating the beautiful wreath for our entry way and to all those who helped to decorate our church during the Advent Workshop.

➤ To everyone who made pies for the Loaves and Fishes Annual Christmas Party.

➤ To everyone who made cookies for the annual Christmas Party for the inmates of the County Jail. They loved them!

➤ To the choir, Jim Pospisil, Symeon Waseen and our musicians for a wonderful Christmas Cantata.

➤ To Dick and Linda Goese for making delicious appetizers for our staff Christmas Party.

➤ From Loaves and Fishes: A big thank you to all in your congregation for the desserts and presents. Your contributions, prayers, support and friendship are appreciated by so many.

➤ From Steve, Veronica, Ben, Kim and Phoebe at the Gabriel Project: "Thank you all so much for your work, support and involvement throughout the past year. Our work wouldn't be completed without you!"

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- John Ameel recovering from heart surgery
- Amanda Cran recovering from surgery
- Marlis Cran recovering from knee surgery

### CONGRATULATIONS

- To Dave Jorde and Holly Anderson who celebrated their marriage on December 27<sup>th</sup> in our sanctuary. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- To Virgie Adams and Naomi Tamar who celebrated their marriage on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in our sanctuary. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- To River Joy Fena, daughter of Andy and Libby, who was baptized on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- To Sophie Cossitt, who was baptized on December 24<sup>th</sup> at our morning service.

### Inquirer's Class

Wednesdays, January 24 & 31  
from 6 - 7:30 pm

**Considering membership in Peace UCC or just want to learn more?**

Come meet others who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation. The classes include a DVD, building tour and a chance to talk with Pastor Kathy and other members.

**We will welcome new members on February 4th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who were essential in helping make the Fall activities a success for our children. We appreciate all the time you invested and talents you shared. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

**October's UNICEF Carnival:** Karie Simpson, Terri Benton, Mary Adams, Charlie Kendall and family, Jen Hudyma, Jennifer Zoretich, Julie Deters, Matt & Patty Johnson, Maggie Fink, Amy Fitzpatrick, Diana Soland, Marge & Jerry Cleveland, Carla & Jonie Langdon-Larson, Jane Rupel, Kim Squillace, Kathy Bray, Chris & Vi Finch, Peggy Skylondz, Lori Lind, Lindsay Harder, Guy & Nadine Hubert, Susan Ranz, Karola Dalen, and all of the YOUTH!

**The Advent Workshop:** Christina Mullozzi, Lisa Brown, Carla Langdon-Larson, Charley Kendall and family, Jennifer Zoretich, Karie Simpson, Jen Hyduma, René Montgomery, Jeanie Peterson, Susan Goltz, Cindy Martins, and Lisa Brown.

**Christmas Pageant:** From Cynthia (and the CE Committee): To all the Pageant Elves:

- I am so amazed and blessed by all the volunteers this year. Peace Church rocks!
- Thank you so much to Peggy Pearson for sewing lots of angel costumes for our most littlest kids. Thank you to Jen Hudyma, Christina Mullozzi, Britt Rohrbach, and Lisa Brown for organizing, ironing, fitting, and pinning costumes for this year's pageant! (Christina also washed and ironed all our angel costumes.) You all put in lots of time... thank you thank you!
- Thank you to Holly Bowen Bailey for directing the pageant and making it hap-

pen on Sunday... to Sarah Engebretson, Jim Pospisil, and Tom Wilkowske for leading the music... to the CE committee for organizing volunteers for the pageant lunch... all the Sunday School teachers and parents, Lori and Todd Lind, Craig Peterson, Ann Skwira-Brown, Sarah Nelson, and all those others who slipped in and quietly helped gently guide the children through the rehearsal... for Doug Bowen Bailey who video taped the whole thing... And to Nam & Peter Provost, Karie & Bill Simpson, Julie and Ron Deters, Jean Thoennes, Ann Beauchamp, Susan Goltz, David Goltz, Barb Hanka, Jennifer Zoretich, Emily Johnson, Carla Stegmann, Sara Carlson, and all of the YOUTH! . . . To all the kids who memorized lines and wore silly costumes... and to all the people who bought the hot dogs, cooked the hot dogs, swept up after lunch, made phone calls to get volunteers, helped kids learn songs and lines and a whole host of other things that I don't even know about...THANK YOU. The pageant is successful because you all pitch in and help out.

➤ To Cynthia—the master organizer of it all! A special Thank You to Peggy Pearson for making 15 new angel costumes, and to Christina Mullozzi for washing and ironing all our angel costumes. If we have missed anyone we apologize!

➤ “Dear Peace Church—(How does one address an entire congregation?)—Thank you so much for the love and support shared with us over the past months of surgeries and healing. Your prayers and thoughts meant so much. And particular thanks for the loan of the wheelchair. It made my life far more manageable (and I definitely learned a lot about access and disability in our culture!) Love, Pamela and Bill Mittlefehldt”

➤ To Mary Martin for all she does—particularly for hanging clocks in the office and classrooms, and for fixing up a stool on casters for the front office desk.

## YOUTH / CONFIRMATION / CHURCH SCHOOL



### YOUTH GROUP

For all 6th—12th graders!

Meets each Wednesday

7:00 – 8:30pm

in the Sr High Youth Room

Welcome to 2007 Youth Group!!

Kicking off January 3rd, we will continue to sing, pray, and explore our faith. Any new year resolutions? Bring your thoughts and we will have a lively discussion.

We welcome Eve Stein to our youth leader crew! She is crazy about the winter and wants to organize some fun winter activities for our youth.

Thanks Eve!

### Upcoming Events

January - Urban Immersion!

February - 'Tubbing!



### Fundraising...Pizza's are back

We'll be taking orders sometime in early February, make and deliver them in mid-March. Watch the Peace Bell and Sunday bulletin announcements for more information.

CHURCH SCHOOL — Welcome Back! Church School starts up again January 7<sup>th</sup>... meet us in the sanctuary at 9:30am for our 'welcome back' opening.

### Church School Teachers: *a few notes for you*

☺ We will continue using the fall curriculum in January. There are three lessons left. In February we will start using the spring books... look for them in your bins.

☺ **Teacher Meeting March 11th @ 8:45am.** We'll take some time for a check in and look ahead to the rest of the year.

### Second Year Confirmation Class

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

**January 3—No Class** due to the Urban Immersion Retreat. Plan to meet at the church by 4 pm on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> to head to the Twin Cities on. We will return the afternoon of Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**January 17—Jesus: Crucified and Resurrected**

And, it's never too early to think about...

### SUMMER WORK CAMP:

Mark your calendars for **June 10th – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. We're going to Chicago, Illinois. This trip is required for Confirmation. To hold your spot (we're limited to 14 kids), please turn in a \$50 deposit ASAP.

### PARENTS

If you can chaperone or want to help plan a youth event...

Contact Cynthia ...

we love having you involved!

### Acolyte Schedule

Jan. 7	Eric Junnilla, Mecade Devlin, Marianne Peterson, Sylvia Bowen-Bailey
Jan. 14	Ian Erickson, Bria Langdon-Larson
Jan. 21	Megan Manthey, Mychala Marshall
Jan. 28	Alex Martins, Matthew Morris

## MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Tom Hystead*

Happy New Year! This time of year is customarily given over to looking forward. The Coordinating Council is a wonderful group of forward thinking people. We spent most of our December meeting preparing for 2007. The December Coordinating Council meeting included these highlights:

November Financial statements show a year-to-date deficit of (\$8,262.) Expenses are under budget. Pledged and Non-pledged giving is behind. The Council did authorize use of interest earnings, not to exceed \$2,500, to offset year-end deficit. We are hopeful that December giving will bring our budget into balance.

We began work on the 2007 budget. This is a preliminary estimate that will be reviewed during our January meeting. We will have a draft of the budget available before the Annual Meeting. It will be posted on the Peace Church website and on the bulletin board near the office. As of December 19<sup>th</sup> the projected Stewardship campaign is \$264,900 [a 13.6% increase over 2006!] Thanks to everyone who worked on the stewardship efforts, particularly Justin Olson.

The Associate Pastor Search Committee is still hard at work. The Committee is hopeful of having a candidate to present to the congregation early in the New Year.

The Building Peace Committee continues to work with the architects to refine design work that will be available to the congregation at **information meetings on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. The designs and specifications will help the project committee in preparing an accurate cost estimate. The committee will have their report for the January annual meeting.

Pastor Kathy's sabbatical leave is slated for mid-June through mid-September. The Lilly Foundation Pastoral Renewal grant that was announced last month has been received. We will dedicate the grant during the January 21 Annual Meeting.

Finally, in February the congregation will have an opportunity to plan for the distribution of the "External Tithe" of the Haller and Rolfson bequests. Patty Beech will lead a session that will guide us through a thoughtful process for sharing over \$72,000 with the wider community.

The beginning of a new year is a time to take stock of blessings and opportunities. I am grateful to the Coordinating Council members for their optimism and hope in planning for the coming year.

My best wishes for a happy New Year.

Tom

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## UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### Seminary Information Workshop

*What is seminary? Is it right for you or someone you know? Come and find out!*

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities is hosting two seminary exploration events to be held in Duluth.

**Dates: Friday, January 12**  
**11am to 2pm at Peace UCC**

**OR Saturday, January 13**  
**9 am to 12 pm**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

Admission is free. A light meal will be provided. Registrations are requested.

In these sessions you will have an opportunity to explore the nature of seminary education, learn about program opportunities and meet staff, students and alumni of United.

To register on-line for this "Mini-Day at United" go to [www.unitedseminary.edu](http://www.unitedseminary.edu) or contact Ann Nordgren in Duluth at 218-525-3136, [anordgren@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:anordgren@unitedseminary.edu)

Peace Bell  
Deadline is the  
20th of the month.  
Thanks for the early  
submissions this month!!

### UTS Spring 2007 Course Offerings in Duluth, MN February 5, 2007 - May 18, 2007

#### **TR573 Theological and Ethical Themes in Literature**

Mondays, 6:00-9:15pm (except March 19 and April 9)

First United Methodist Church  
230 E. Skyline Pkwy. 218-727-5021

It is in the stories that most of society's reality and understanding of ethics is conveyed, described and understood. This course will explore how literature conveys morality and thus is a way of doing ethics. We will also explore and analyze ethical themes in narrative fiction.

**Instructor: David Bard** holds the Ph.D. in ethics and theology from Southern Methodist University and is the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Duluth.

#### **CH231 Justice, Liberation and Hope** **In the Theology of Paul**

Feb. 9 & 10, Mar. 16 & 17, April 20 & 21, May 11 & 12

Fridays, 6:00-9:15pm **and** Saturdays, 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:15-3:30pm

Duluth Congregational Church  
3833 E. Superior Street 218-525-1911

We will examine developments in recent scholarship that challenge the traditional picture of the apostle Paul.

**Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Neil Elliott**, an Episcopal priest and Biblical Studies editor at Fortress Press in Minneapolis, is an important scholarly contributor to New Testament studies, in particular to the study of Paul.

**Information for each class:**

**Credits:** 3 at the masters level

**Tuition:** \$996 for credit; \$150 to audit the class

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*For registration information contact:* Meg Cambronne, Office of Admissions, United Theological Seminary, 3000 Fifth St. NW, New Brighton, MN, 55112, 800-937-1316, [mcambronne@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:mcambronne@unitedseminary.edu) or in Duluth, contact Ann Nordgren, Duluth Program Coordinator, 218-525-3136, [anordgren@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:anordgren@unitedseminary.edu).

## BOOKS AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY



Thanks to Leanne Ventrella for donating a subscription to *New Moon*, "The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams", to the Peace Church library. She included this note, "May this help the girls of Peace to attain their dreams!"

The children's book *The Secret of Saying Thanks*, by Douglas Wood, was given to the library by Gudrun and Geof Witrak with the note, "Merry Christmas to the Peace Church Library. We are thankful for your commitment to Jesus' words of love, forgiveness, and radical inclusiveness."

Look for both of these gifts on the shelf soon.

Kids—coming soon—new copies of the Ramona Books, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Giving Tree*, and the latest Harry Potter book!

### LIBRARY WORKDAY ON FRIDAY JANUARY 19th 10-2pm

Please join us if you can help process new books and get them on the shelves. Bring a lunch if you can stay over the noon hour.



Many thanks for the gifts, food, wisdom and prayers for the arrival of our son, Daniel Avery Pospisil. We are truly blessed to be embraced by such kind friends.  
Jill and Jim Pospisil

1	Kaisa Robinson	Anya White
2	Philip Hubert	Rick Reed
	Karl Regehr Bottorff	16 Brandon Buxbaum
	Klaus Regehr Bottorff	18 Andy McLean
		19 David Goltz
3	Katie Sawyer	Lauren Christensen
4	Joy Swanoski	20 Chris Finch
	Tim Lundell	Judy Seligo-Punyko
5	Tony Squillace	Todd Lind
6	Daniel O'Connell	Elsa Roeber
7	Amanda Cran	21 Margaret Paulson
	Doreen Marciniak	22 Matthew Morris
	Kathy Nelson	Christa Knudsen
	Natalie Walker	23 Bill Kohlts
8	Susan Goltz	Brennen Larson
	Alexey Martins	Allison Dargon
	Kayden Kozelka	24 Jerome Springsteele
	Cindy Saari	Cynthia Poirier
10	Cody Aplin	25 Norris Rolfson
	Andrew Green	Evan Poirier
	Tom Hayes	Llonda Thompson
11	John Ameel	Ryan Zimny
	Barb Forrest	Kiana Langdon-Larson
12	Mike Hatlestad	26 Sandy Moore
	Judy Hlina	27 Cindy Johnson
	Emily Youngstrand	29 Joyce Clement
	Zoe Simpson	Melissa Boyle
13	Patty Bambenek	30 Cizzarie Schomberg
	Holly Anderson	31 Michael Proetz
14	Bob Simpson	David Arvold
15	Bill Pomroy	Miles Rohrbaugh
	Lisa Pomroy	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### THANK YOU for the following MEMORIALS to Peace Church

To the transportation fund from Jeffrey and Angela Johnson in memory of Albert Johnson—Albert was a member of our congregation who was a "guy on the move"—he roller-skated until he was in his 80s.

## JUST PEACE

### January Small Step: Home Energy Use

We heard from Dr. Cook in his November 26th sermon that "Personal steps to conserve resources and communicate concerns are very worthwhile actions; essential for growth of public awareness and building confidence that community based actions can succeed." While we need more than individual actions to solve the problem of climate change, it cannot be solved without individual actions, and each of our actions together have a greater impact than just their sum. The small step for January, then, is to look for those individual ways we can take action right in our own homes. Not only can we reduce our impact, but we can save ourselves money (perhaps to help us all catch up on our pledges?). There are many things we can do in our homes to reduce energy use, and we will have folks from Minnesota Power and Comfort Systems at our Jan 7th adult forum to discuss these in more detail, but simple things that most of us can easily do include: changing out our incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescents, checking doors and windows for leaks, and installing weather-stripping or putting plastic over windows, closing curtains or blinds, closing up and turning the heat down in unused rooms, turning our thermostats down a bit (or down during the day or night). If you are looking for help to do these things, contact the Just Peace committee through the church office. Which small step will you take this month?

### January 7th Adult Forum

### "Improving our Energy Management"

This forum will feature a discussion with Dean Talbott (MN Power) and Eric Schlacks (Comfort Systems) about ways we can reduce our electric and heating bills. This team of experts will answer questions about new tools, processes and programs to help us reduce our fossil fuel emissions. If you manage a home, budget or business, come and enjoy their insights and expertise. Or just come because you are concerned about global warming. Everyone is welcomed.

*Look for the upcoming 2007 Peace family home lighting challenge - announcement in the service on Sunday, January 7 in conjunction with adult forum and January Small Step.*

### Movie night at Peace Church!!!

Produced by Robin Washington,  
Editorial Page Editor of the  
Duluth News Tribune

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

Peace Church Fellowship Hall

*Not King Alone: Other Heroes  
of the Civil Rights Movement*

Come watch "You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow," the award-winning national PBS documentary about the first Freedom Ride, and learn the passion for justice and tactics - still applicable today - used by the pioneers who created the modern Civil Rights Movement. Film, discussion and knowledge you'll never forget.

*Most Americans know something of the Civil Rights Movement: the speeches of Martin Luther King, the Freedom Rides of the 1960s and the March on Washington. But there were earlier actions that also profoundly changed our country's history. One of great significance to the Civil Rights Movement but nearly lost to that history was the Journey of Reconciliation. This is the story of that ride.*

*In a race against time, journalist Robin Washington sought to document this historic ride. Seven of the original riders joined for a series of reunions in the production of the documentary. The program captures them as they retrace*

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## JUST PEACE

Peacemaker of the Month – January 2007  
David Feller Pegg

The Just Peace committee nominates David Pegg to be the Peacemaker of the Month, in recognition of his human rights work in Colombia. He currently is an independent translator and interpreter for human rights and judicial organizations in Colombia, and he is a volunteer international observer and accompanier for individuals (human rights workers, unionists, civic leaders) who are at risk. Previously he served with Peace Brigades International for a year-and-a-half as a member of the Colombia team.

David's love for Latin America began when he went to Concordia Language Camp in 1986, while a student at East High School. His Spanish fluency solidified while an AFS student in Seville, Spain. He completed his college education at Macalaster with a major in History and a minor in Spanish, and was able to spend a spring semester and a January term in Ecuador.

Several years later, while living in Medellin, Colombia and working as a language teacher, David became aware of Colombia's history of political violence and the negative impact of U.S military and economic policies. He developed close friendships with Colombians from all walks of life, and experienced first-hand their struggles for justice. His understanding of the interdependence of all countries in the Americas was deepened by his involvement as a volunteer with Witness for Peace and the Resource Center for the Americas while living in Minneapolis between 1999 and 2003.

David's solidarity with the people of Colombia has placed him in the midst of their political turmoil. However, he knows that his status as a U.S. citizen provides him with a safety net unknown to most Colombians; he is committed to using his privilege to further the human rights movement. He and his compatriots believe that peace will come to Colombia only through justice. David will be speaking about Colombia at Peace Church on Monday evening, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

"Colombian Connections: Power, Violence, and U.S. Foreign Policy"

On **Monday January 8th**, David Feller Pegg (son of John and Lyn) will give a presentation at Peace Church based on his experiences as an independent translator working with human rights organizations in Colombia. David, a graduate of East High and Macalester College, is home for the holidays from his residence in Bogota, Colombia. David has lived in Colombia for over six years and served with Peace Brigades International for a year-and-a-half. He has traveled extensively throughout Colombia to provide supportive services for legal and human rights advocates working to document the gross violation of people's civil rights there and hold the government accountable. **This event will be held in the Fireside Room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.**

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*their steps to stand at the exact sites of events nearly 50 years before. At a former bus station in North Carolina, the riders recall a mob's attack on them and the backroads on which they were spirited away. They visit the chain gang site and jails where they served time for the crime of sitting together on a bus. They also meet, for the first time, Mrs. Irene Morgan Kirkaldy, whose courage was the impetus for their Journey.*

*Additionally, the program looks at the contributions of the participants beyond the Journey, including the March on Washington and scores of nonviolent actions that have changed the racial landscape of America.*

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Would you like to see a Smoke-Free Minnesota?

Join others on **Jan 30<sup>th</sup> for Day at the Capital** to support a Smoke-Free Minnesota. More information on the event is available at [www.smokefreeminnestoa.com](http://www.smokefreeminnestoa.com).

The Health and Wellness Committee has been looking at the topic of Emergency Preparedness and is working on preparing a plan for the church community. While the current hot-button topic has been Bird-Flu, the basics of preparedness are really relevant to us in many more ways. While we aren't likely to have a hurricane to deal with, other weather-related problems or man-made disasters (e.g. chemical spills, industrial accidents) can occur here. We welcome any questions or comments while we are looking into this area of concern. Look for upcoming information about emergency supplies and planning. For more information you can go to [www.nemnbeprepared.net](http://www.nemnbeprepared.net).

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday January 3 at 6pm

Parent groups can be a wonderful way to connect with other parents, learn from others experiences with their kids, or just get support when your children are making you a bit crazy. But what if your child is a little (or a lot) different than other children? It definitely adds a dimension to raising children that can make it hard to connect to other parents. We are offering a chance to connect with other families here at Peace, with a Support Group for parents of children with special needs. Please join us for this time to share, connect or vent as needed. We meet the First Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm. Join us for the Wednesday night dinners, then there is programming for kids or nursery care available during the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you. More info—call Cizarrie at 525-0325.

## GABRIEL PROJECT

The **Gabriel Project** is a collaboration between **CHUM and several Hillside congregations**. Our collective goal is to help support families in our neighborhoods of worship and to strive for economic and social justice throughout Duluth. Here are some upcoming events!

Saturday, January 27, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizens in Action workshop will be held on the UMD campus—Kirby 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Rafters from 9-2. The workshop will educate citizens about the process of government and how to effect positive change. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Gabriel Project at 625-1739.

We have some important events coming up in February that we'd like to inform you of so that you can mark your calendars early!! First off, CHUM's Annual Meeting is tentatively set for **Thursday, Feb. 8** pending confirmation of the speaker. February is "Give Your Heart to CHUM Month," and there will be a variety of events, activities, and opportunities to support CHUM's work in our community. Watch for further details as they become available.

Also, **Thursday, February 15** is Lobby Day at the Capitol to discuss homelessness. This gives us an opportunity to be part of good public policy that can promote an environment where homelessness is rare and dealt with quickly when it occurs. For more information or to register, please visit [www.mnhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org).