



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

DULUTH MN * REV. KATHRYN NELSON AND REV. TONY CLARK, PASTORS * APRIL 2008

GROUNDBREAKING for SANCTUARY ADDITION

March 30, 2008



Clockwise from upper left:

Bill Pomroy, Peggy Maske, Wayne Dahlberg (architect), Betty Greene, Dennis Crumb, Mary Nienaber, Pastor Kathy, Dorie Godden (our longest time member), Dick Goese, Joan Severson, Mayor Don Ness and son, Lyle and Bill Staubs, Adrianna, Austin and Mike Hudyma, Tiffany and Carla Langdon-Larson, Jim, Sheryl and Jasper Filby Williams (our youngest at 8 days old!)

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

When I go to the jail on Thursdays to be with the women there for Bible study, we always begin with each person giving a weather report for their souls – is it cloudy, sunny, foggy, or rainy. It is a good way for them to say how they are feeling without having to share much detail if they don't want to. And then we read a psalm together as we begin. Most often it is Psalm 23. Recently Katya Gordon, of our congregation, went with me to the Bible study. After we read the 23rd Psalm together she asked, "What do you think is the most important word in the Psalm?" They gave a variety of answers—rest, Lord, and Shepherd. She said, I think it is "through". We go through the valleys with God, we don't ever stay in the valley. We all agreed with her. Our God is a God who walks with us through the valleys of the shadow. God helps us make a way through the stuff of our day to day lives.



At the beginning and at the end of the 23rd Psalm, God is spoken of as Lord. In the main body of the psalm God is a personal pronoun — thou or he. The God who brought life and to whom our breath and spirits will eventually return is more of a mystery than the God we experience in our daily life. We have no memory of our lives before our birth and we have not yet heard the song of eternity. For now we know God in the day to day grace which touch our lives. The God who holds each of our lives in this brief moment is also the Lord of all time..

It is a time of transition for our congregation as we say goodbye to Pastor Tony. There will be a service of farewell for him on Sunday, May 18th as we give thanks for his presence among us and wish him well in his journey. The coordinating council will be working on a transition plan in the coming months.

We have so many folks in our congregation with skills for youth and small group ministry that we will be in good hands — God's hands — as we move forward.

It is also a time of transition for our congregation as we begin our sanctuary remodeling project this month. Dan Green and I met with our contractors today (March 26th) and things are well underway. It will be an exciting and sometimes frustrating time as we work and worship together downstairs in the fellowship hall beginning the end of May 25th. But as Easter Sunday showed us (with almost 500 people in attendance) we certainly do need to Open Doors and Build Peace, in order to Praise Our God together. I give thanks for the work and commitments of so many, many people that are allowing this building project to move forward.

It is amazing to think that we are so far along already on Phase 2. It is in part because of the gift of Herb Haller. Herb returned to this the church he grew up in one Summer Sunday, when we were having our annual church picnic. He and his daughter loved that there were so many children. After his daughter died unexpectedly he asked if I would have a tree planted where the children play. We did—a red maple out front by the day care center. After Herb died he left us a portion of his estate. It is that gift and the gifts of so many of you that have allowed us to move ahead.

And so we do move forward with love of our God who leads us through. We gather, praying that many more children and adults will play in the shade of that red maple tree and come in through our open doors to build peace and praise God together.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

April 18 - 19 Women's Retreat *"Lord I Believe, Help my Unbelief"*

Sign up now, and plan to be at a brief
meeting **April 6 at 11:30**
in the Fireside Room to sign up for meals
and get room assignments

Our Spring Women's Retreat will be held at Caribou Highlands Resort in Lutsen, April 18-19, with an option of staying a second night. Cost will be \$40 per person per night. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. Sign up in the Entryway!

This is a great way to get to know other women from the congregation. We begin with potluck supper on Friday night at 7 pm. We have time for discussion, bible study, singing, swimming and lots and lots of great eating. We will even be doing some hula hooping! We end with lunch on Saturday. You can definitely stay for a second night too.

We will be using Mark 9: 14 – 29 as our scripture study and we will also be listening to MPR's "This I Believe."

SUNDAYS IN APRIL

We continue to have two services each Sunday morning. At 8:30 we have a quiet, communion service, and at 10:30 our service includes children's time and senior choir anthem. The sermon at both services is the same.

Special Music is always needed for our 8:30 service. If you would like to sing or play an instrument for any of these Sundays, let Jim Pospisil or Pastor Kathy know.

Sunday, April 6 – Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24: 13 – 35

Sermon: "Roadside" by Pastor Kathy

This morning we will celebrate communion at both of our worship services.

Sunday, April 13 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Psalm 23, John 10: 1 – 10

Pastor Tony will be our preacher

This morning we will have a mission moment from our Philippine Partners about the relief efforts we helped finance, and we will commission Tom and Monica Liddle as missionaries with the Global Ministries Board. They will be spending three months in East Timor. The Praise and Worship Team will help to lead our music.

Sunday, April 20th – Integrity of Creation Sunday

This morning we will honor Earth Day with a sermon by Pastor Kathy and Phil Cook, who helped with the UCC pronouncement on Energy. There will also be a liturgical dance by Susan Ranfranz. The children's choir will sing and we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Taylor Wallin.

Sunday, April 27 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 14: 15 – 21

Sermon: "Spirited Love" by Pastor Kathy

The praise and worship team will help lead our music at the 10:30 service.

Acolyte Schedule for April

April 6 Abby Etterson, **Volunteer needed**

April 13 Andrew Green, Teran Lind

April 20 Ellie Hoffman, Grant Montgomery

April 27 Sam Kendall, Kyle Everett

NOTES FROM SUNDAY "COUNTERS"

We started a new process in January of having two members count the offering at church after worship.

You could help streamline this process by using your envelopes and recording the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope. Please breakout regular offering and Capital Campaign donation. Thank you!

Sunday April 13 – "Turning by Dave"

Dave Cave will be selling his beautiful handmade wooden pieces. Proceeds will be donated to the Philippine Partnership.

Celebration of Community Peacemakers

**Sunday, April 27th - 2pm
at Marshall School Auditorium**

Join us as we celebrate community peacemakers in our midst. The Peace Puppeteers will be performing along with the Echoes of Peace Choir and Puzzle Peace, interfaith children's choir. This is an annual event sponsored by Men as Peacemakers.

Coming Up . . .

**Annual Program meeting
of our congregation is June 1st**

**Annual Meeting – Minnesota Conference
of the United Church of Christ
June 6th - 8th**

If you would like to be considered as a delegate from our congregation, please let Pastor Kathy know.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, April 15th at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are welcome. The Annual Program meeting of our congregation is June 1st.

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Many committees of the congregation will meet on Wednesday, April 9th from 6 - 7:30. Christian Education has rescheduled to April 2nd due to the Duluth School's spring break on the 9th. Check with your committee chairs to see when your meetings are. Annual Reports from committee chairs will be due on May 15th. If you need a copy of last year's report let the office know.

ADULT FORUMS — Sundays

9:30am

Grab your coffee in the Entryway!

Bible Study on the day's lectionary texts in the Conference Room

Topic Study in the Fireside Room

Sunday, April 6 – Back Bay Mission – Biloxi, Mississippi – Scott and Phyllis Mead returned in February from a week of working in the neighborhoods of Biloxi, Mississippi. Come and see their pictures and learn more.

Back Bay Mission was founded in 1922 as an outreach effort of the First Evangelical Church of Biloxi (United Church of Christ) whose members responded with compassion and service to the needs of poor "fisher folk" living in deplorable conditions along the Back Bay of Biloxi, Mississippi. Since then, Back Bay Mission has continually grown its services and ministries, always keeping the impoverished and marginalized at the center of its concern. Although there were no longer any UCC congregations in Biloxi or in the state of Mississippi by the early 1970s, Back Bay Mission remained to offer a witness of the United Church of Christ. Its commitment is to be faithfully responsive to the emerging and critical needs of God's people, ever seeking a day of greater justice and peace.

Following the crippling Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, Back Bay Mission found itself with no habitable facilities. In fact, of the seven buildings, six have been demolished and the seventh is awaiting a complete interior rebuild. All ministries were discontinued for a few weeks before receiving two donated work trailers from which the staff resumed work and began shaping services to fit the space and the post-Katrina reality.

Within a few months work camping, now more accurately called "disaster relief/recovery," began receiving work teams from across the country to help the Mississippi Gulf Coast dig out and rebuild. Three mobile homes now serve as housing for these inspired and inspiring groups. We will send a group June 7 – 13, 2009. Talk with Pastor Kathy if you are interested.

Ch...ch...ch...changes, (as the song goes) is the theme for this month's report.

As I write, I am reflecting on the ground-breaking ceremony today. I had the good fortune to hear some of the stories our long-term members told in the 9:30 Adult Forum. We have a rich history and wonderful memories to hold dear. As we move into these times of great change and transition, we have our wonderful memories of a loving supportive congregation as a foundation for our growing and learning. Our church world will soon be "rocked" by construction and we'll want to be very mindful of the patience and teamwork needed to make this a reasonable transition. There is a transition team in place, already thinking about the details.

And there are transitions. You have by now received my letter regarding the transition for Pastor Tony. We are sad to see him leave us, but we are also respectful of the decision to seek other forms of ministry. There are several areas of ministry where Tony can give his many gifts, youth ministry is just one of many areas available to individuals as they graduate from seminary. This has been a year of growing and learning for all of us and we have been blessed with the time Tony spent with us. He will be preaching on his last Sunday, May 18th, and I encourage you stay afterward for the ice cream social and send him off with your good wishes.

It is also important that you know that the Council is attending to the use of the externally designated Haller Monies. We have held the account until a process could be developed and a work group is doing a survey in April to reintroduce our commitment to external tithing and learn key areas to which congregation would like to direct funds. The work group will hold a meeting in May to discuss survey results.

A Moderators Report wouldn't be complete without the mention of financial issues. As you know, we have done a great job of stepping up to the plate on the Capital Campaign, but we need to get a little more up to date on the operations pledges. Even though some of the deficit is due to payroll timing, we still have to be mindful that we continue to run behind and attendance in the summer months will only accentuate the issue.

Ch..ch...changes, is the theme for this month

Sunday, April 13 – Discussion of the book *The Color of Wealth* led by Julia Cheng and Lyn Clark Pegg

Sunday, April 20 – Caring for Creation

Come and learn more about a summit that Jesse Schomberg, Bill Mittlefehldt and others are planning that will bring together communities of faith to protect creation. They are developing plans for working within our faith communities to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, seek solutions to our challenges and difficulties and hopefully celebrate our successes.

Sunday, April 27 – Lectionary Bible Study in Fireside Room, using Lectio Divina.

Sunday, May 4 – Bring Many Names

A chance to talk about images of God and how we might work together to expand these images and the language used in prayer, worship and daily life. The conversation will be facilitated by Sally Larson, Gary Anderson and Pastor Kathy.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Opening Our Doors, Opening Our Hearts Conference 2008 — April 4 and 5

Unitarian Universalist Church at 935 W College St.

"From the Inside Out:

A Denominational Look at Faith Equality"

Friday – 7:30pm Concert by Ovation, a Twin Cities ensemble (part of the One Voice Mixed Chorus)
This is a conference fundraiser—admission \$15

Reception following the concert.

Saturday – 12:30 – 8pm Conference (includes dinner)

1pm: Opening Worship with condensed Laramie Project

2:15pm: Keynote Speaker: Rev. Keith Kron from the UUA Office of GLBT concerns

3:15pm: Telling our Stories panel

4:30pm: Denominational Breakout Session

5:45pm: Gourmet dinner with live music and discussion

7:30pm: Closing Worship

Childcare available—preregistration necessary

Registration for Saturday—\$15

Scholarships available—Call Peace Church Office

Art Gallery Wall "Slickrock", Photos from the Colorado Plateau by John Moeller

Thanks to Peace Church member John Moeller for sharing his amazing nature photography with us once again. John is a retired natural sciences teacher who hikes and photographs the Colorado Plateau every autumn. Be sure to take in the awesome natural beauty of the photos, on the wall near the stairway and in the sanctuary.

PARENTS — Please sign up in youth room to bring snacks for youth group! Help our youth budget stretch to its fullest!

Can You Help Us Paint?

Fellowship Hall April 12 at 9am



We'll be putting a finish coat of paint on the Fellowship Hall to spruce it up for our worship space this summer. If you can help us paint, call Mary Martin at 720-5894. We'll start at 9am and go until we finish.

PALS

Thursday April 24 — MOVIE NIGHT

Watch for details...

Reading, Writing, Reflecting Group

April 3 — Conference Room at 5:30 pm

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday April 23

Noon at the Benedictine Health Center
Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.

Questions Along the Way

Every Tuesday at noon

Peace Church Women's Basketball

Tuesdays at 7pm in the Grant School Gym

Upcoming...

May 10 — Peace Church Rummage Sale—

Sign up to help!! No early drop-offs!! Bring rummage in on Thursday and Friday, May 8 & 9.

May 17 — PEACE PROM —

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 17th for this year's "Homegrown Peace Prom." The event will be held from 7-11 pm. **New Location to be announced!** Music includes performances by Clear and some surprise DJ's. Need that special attire?.....think recycle (more to follow in the next Peace Bell.)

HELP!!!!!!! We need a few dedicated souls to oversee the youth as they do dishes on the second Wednesdays during Committee and Board Night. If you might be interested, contact pastor Tony!!!!!!

Sanctuary Remodeling Update

After all the planning, fundraising and meetings it's time to start construction. As everyone has noticed there is now a large piece of equipment on site and may in fact be starting to dig before you read this. This is a time of great anticipation and excitement among the congregation so let's all enjoy the process. Part of that process will be to understand the limitations placed on everyone that wants to take a good look. The building committee, architects and contractors ask that we all respect the signage and the need for safety at all times.

We are also going to need some help along the way. As I mentioned at the groundbreaking ceremony **we'll need volunteers on Sunday afternoon, May 18th to start moving the pews.** We're going to bring some of them downstairs to the fellowship hall and hopefully store the remainder in the garage. If anyone is interested in being part of the crew that day they can contact me or sign up in the Narthex. Thank you!

Everywhere I go, God is there...

This is the first line and title of the song that the Jr High Youth Group and Steve Horner have been writing since the fall. Beginning with a brainstorming session just to get some words on paper, we wrote down questions and the wonderings about God. As words started falling on the page, Patrick, always the brilliantly deep thinker said something like, "I'm always amazed that everywhere I go, God is there." It has become the anchor of the song, and Patrick has become the God-centered anchor to youth group. The song continues:

Everyone I touch has a gift to share...

When we served dinner at the Damiano center at the beginning of March, we had about 15 kids, and as we were eating at the end of the evening, I asked the kids my typical question, "Where did you see God today at the Damiano Center?" Sophie, the wise one, named the man who sang his thanks to us. Madeline reflected, then named the man who danced through the line.

Everywhere I go, God is there...

After we skied at Spirit Mountain in January, sitting in McDonalds, I asked where they saw God that night. TJ, Christina-Marie, Zoe, Victoria, Kristina, they each said that God was in the view. I, too, was bowled over by the panorama and how accessible that beauty is to my home. It was spectacular—the mouth of the St. Louis River and the harbor after sunset. Often at youth group I ask "Where has God been for you?" My answer to that question is to name God in the beauty of Lake Superior, to see God in the start to the shipping season, to give thanks for Duluth. And sometimes I wonder if the kids who grow up here see the same beauty. After skiing that night, I heard that not only do they see the beauty, but they also see God's hand in the beauty.

I offer you my grace...

Serving dinner at Damiano, we had about twice as many people as the kitchen could handle. We had to serve in shifts. When it was time to change shifts, Christina-Marie said, "I don't want to stop. I like helping." She speaks for the youth group. I watch Sergei pitching in to help with dishes on Wednesday evenings and after Easter breakfast; his joyful friendliness often brings Nathan with him into the kitchen. Each of these people brings a gift, a grace to the group: Sarah and Peter are the quiet helpful ones, Nick is the understanding one, Emily is enthusiastic, Julia the free spirit, Sydney and Zoe the animal lovers. Tony and John bring a bright humor, while Whitney and Halley bring a peaceful strength. Siri, Kai, Cooper, and Charlie joyfully and quietly connect, and David is excited to participate. Parker observes and reflects deeply, while Mariah is joyful. I love watching them live into their God-given graces.

... 'cause love is in this place. God is there.

Thanks to the Youth Band (Sophie, Ella, Maddy, Emily, John, Parker, David, Philip; led by Cynthia and Tom) for learning and playing this song on Easter Morning.

Peace, Pastor Tony.

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP - 6th-12th graders

Every Wednesday - 7-8:30pm in the Senior High Youth Room

April 2 An Iraqi foreign exchange student discusses his home

April 9—No youth group—spring break

April 16- Bill Mittlefehldt discusses Environment and Affluenza

April 23—Nancy Nelson leads a creek walk and clean up of Grey's Creek

April 30-Debra Laine—Arrowhead Agency on Aging on intergenerational ministry

May 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church!—
Duluth Mayor Ness, City Councilor Cuneo and City Councilor Anderson talk with you!

JUNIOR HIGH - 6th—8th graders

Down the Road . . .

June 27-29 Travel to Rochester, MN for a work camp experience

Possibly a side trip to Valley Fair! More info coming!!!!

SENIOR HIGH - 9th—12th graders

National Youth Event for 9-12th
graders, July 23-29, 2008

Travel to Knoxville to stay at University of Tennessee. Join 3000 other UCC youth to hear environmental activist Julia Butterfly Hill's story of saving 1000 year old redwoods by putting her life on the line; hear Eboo Patel talk about forming Muslim Christian dialogue among youth; music by Lost and Found, who traveled across the country on bicycles to sing their message. For more info contact pastor Tony, or go to <http://www.ucc.org/youth/>. There is still room on the bus for YOU!

Fundraising for National Youth Event

We are currently selling reusable Green Valley Bags for carrying groceries and other items. \$5 each or buy 4 for \$20 and get one free!
See Youth in the narthex between and after worship!

FROM CYNTHIA COFFIN, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What have the children been up to in FaithWeavers?

FaithWeavers has been very fun with lots of Bible stories, games, crafts, food, and performing skits. At the beginning of each session we always have a check-in, just like the "big" kids do in youth group. Each child takes a turn to tell the group how their day was on a scale of 1 to 10... a one being a terrible, horrible, rotten day and ten being spectacular. Of course, we sometimes get "100 million trillion" and "negative 40 hundred" if someone wants to make a point! This time with the children truly is an honor for me to be a part of...it is holy time. I get to hear what is important to them, what makes them happy, what hurts their feelings, and what makes them mad. This time deepens our relationships with one another and creates a special bond in the group. After this time we do our various activities with lots of energy! At the end of the night, we always close in prayer. This is another very special holy time. I most often ask for a volunteer to close us in prayer. To hear a child pray a heartfelt prayer is a beautiful thing.

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Sexual Assault month. A few weeks back, the children in FaithWeavers made posters for the annual Child Abuse Awareness poster contest here in Duluth. Peace kids made some great posters! A family holding hands, an adult walking a child across a street, and firefighters speaking at a school were all some of the images I watched our children create. The winner of this contest will have their poster displayed on a billboard and put on place mats at Perkins. The rest of the posters will be displayed all over town at different public locations.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the Lakeview room on Wednesday nights from 6-7 to see us in action. Do you have a craft or talent to share? A story to tell? Or just want to hang out and get to know the kids? Come!

Blessings, Cynthia

Looking for Family Partnerships

An Early Childhood Studies class at the University of Minnesota Duluth called Family Partnerships is looking for families that would be willing to participate in a family partnership with students. This experience is an important time for students in early childhood studies to develop skills while interacting with a family first hand. If you are interested, Cynthia Coffin has brochures that go into further detail about Family Partnerships. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Marchel, the program coordinator, via email at mmarchel@d.umn.edu or by telephone at 726-7357.

KIDS & CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School

There is no regular church school on Sunday, April 6th due to Spring break. Sleep in, but still come to one of our great worship services!

Only six more Sundays of Church School left for this season. Don't miss out — if you have never attended before, it's not too late! All kids are welcome at 9:30am on Sundays — gather in the sanctuary for our opening time.

Ever thought about teaching Sunday

school? May is teacher recruitment month! Due to our high number of children here at Peace we need at least 17 teachers to allow our program to run smoothly. We use team teaching as a model and have a user-friendly curriculum. If interested, talk to Cynthia. Even if you have never taught before, you just may have the time of your life with our youngsters!

TEACHERS: Some items for you.

◆ **Teacher meeting April 13th at 8:45 am in the music room.** Our last one for the year! Please let Cynthia know if you cannot make it.

◆ **ONLY 5 Sundays of regular class left...yikes!** If you have questions, comments or concerns, talk to Cynthia. Otherwise enjoy these last few sessions with your students. Get outside, be inspired, enjoy yourself, have fun!

◆ **Be thinking about whether you would like to teach again next year!**

◆ **Mark your calendar for a BBQ just for you and your families May 18** from 4-6 at Pastor Kathy's house. We so appreciate all your work and commitment this year.

Vacation Bible School is August 4-8th!

Mark it on your calendar now...

All children pre-school through 5th grade are welcome to attend. This year we are teaming up with three other churches, Pilgrim Congregational, Gloria Dei Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran. Due to construction happening at Peace during this time, we will be holding VBS at Trinity, just two blocks down the hill from Peace! We will still need lots of volunteers and youth team leaders to make this week run smoothly. Talk to Cynthia if you have any questions or want to sign up to help!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — *All are welcome!*

4:30pm: Parent's Group 5pm: Children's Choir 5:30pm: Supper for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room; Youth Activities in Youth Room 6:15pm: Senior Choir
7-8:30pm: Youth Group 7-8:30pm: Confirmation (April 16 and 23)

Some Committees meet on **April 9** at 6 pm — **Check with your Committee to see if you will meet.**
No regular Wednesday Activities on April 9 — School Spring Break

FAITH WEAVERS KINDERGARTEN—3RD GRADE

WEDNESDAYS 6-7pm

We have been making crafts, acting out stories, and playing games the last few months and with only 6 more sessions left, we're kicking into high gear on Wed. from 6-7pm. Join us!

This month themes:

April 2: Go Tell others!

April 9: NO FAITH WEAVERS

April 16: Encourage one another

April 23: Paul teaches

April 30: Everyone is important



Parents

We have been averaging 12-15 kids on Wednesdays! Thanks to those parents who have seen how much energy we have in the classroom on Wednesday nights and have stayed to help. You are ALWAYS welcome to lend a hand...

PEACE PUPPETS

4TH-5TH GRADE — WEDNESDAYS 6-7pm
IN THE MINDANAO ROOM

Peace Puppets will be performing at the Mitchell auditorium on April 26. Please make every effort to get your kids to Wednesday night practices. Watch your mail for details.

Children's Choir

Wednesdays 5 - 5:30pm in the music room

All kids K-5th grade are welcome! We sing, we dance and we play musical games! We are singing in church at the 10:30 service on **April 20 and May 18**

CONFIRMATION

First Year Confirmation Class
Wednesdays at 7pm

Wednesday, April 16 — Mark, Chapters 9 - 10
(date change due to break)

Wednesday, April 23 — Mark Chapters 11-12

Wednesday, May 14 — Mark Chapters 14 - 16

Wednesday, May 28 — Final Exam and Party!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6 - 7 pm in the Fireside Room

Pastor Kathy and Jonie Langdon-Larson will lead the bible study using the Lectio Divina method of reading the Hebrew scripture and Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday.

Lectio Divina is listening to scripture. We are listening for the still, small voice of God that will speak to us. We read slowly, attentively, gently listening to hear a word or phrase that is God's word for us this day. Once we have found a word or a passage in the Scriptures that speaks to us in a personal way, we must take it in and "ruminate" on it. The image of the ruminant animal quietly chewing its cud was used in antiquity as a symbol of the Christian pondering the Word of God. And then we find what God might have us change or do. We close with prayer, each praying for the person on his or her right. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm as we practice this ancient and yet very relevant method of Bible study.

NEW for Parents!!! Wednesdays 4:30—5:30 beginning April 2nd in the Nursery

For the next EIGHT weeks all parents are invited to join us to talk about the joys and pains of parenting! Let's meet and decide how we want to set this time up (preschool parents, parenting teens etc..) Child care will be provided! For those who don't typically come on Wed. Nights remember kids choir is at 5:00 and dinner is served at 5:30! If you haven't tried Wednesday's before, consider this your personal invitation!

This will be a topic based group with a faith element. We will lightly use Elizabeth Caldwell's book *Making a Home for Faith*. Jonie Langdon-Larson, MSW, seminary student and mother of SEVEN will facilitate conversations. COME!!! Starts April 2, 4:30-5:30. We'll meet in the nursery!

Announcing a New Effort at Peace The "Seeds of Peace" Micro-fund Program

Micro-finance is a concept that is helping change the lives of disadvantaged peoples throughout the world, by providing funds to those who normally wouldn't qualify in the mainstream financial world. These loans, often just a few dollars in U.S. terms, are used by those who receive them to start small businesses with which they can improve their lives and the lives of their families. These programs usually follow the model pioneered by Muhammad Yunus, winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the Grameen Bank, which he started in Bangladesh in the 1970's. These micro-finance organizations make loans to people, usually small groups in a cooperative arrangement, that use them to start small ventures. The majority of these loans go to women, as they are often the most needy, cannot find jobs and are the primary caretakers for their families. Though the risk financially should be high, the repayment rate worldwide is 98% for such loans. It has been a successful way to begin to help raise people out of poverty.

The "Seeds of Peace" Micro-fund is a new program, supported by the Just Peace Committee, which is looking to involve Peace Church and its members in furthering the micro-loan effort. Donations will be solicited from congregation members to be used by the church to help fund micro-loans through one of three ways: through donations to organizations such as Opportunity International, a group that works to fulfill the mission of Christ to the poor by helping coordinate and finance micro-loans; through 0% loans to organizations such as Oikocredit, an ecumenical institution supported by the UCC and one of the largest supporters of micro-finance in the world, or more directly to the Center for Development in Central America (the Jubilee House in Nicaragua, visited by Lyn Clark-Pegg and other Peace members), where we can fund a specific project and follow its progress; and lastly, through the Sustainable Communities Program of Church World Service and One Great Hour of Sharing, to help support the efforts of the UCC in fighting poverty.

Why consider loans and not just charitable donations? Muhammad Yunus advocates loans over charity as loans not only help raise a poor person's financial status, but also their self esteem, as they are no longer recipients of charity, but participants in the economic world. Also, the Twenty-fourth General Synod of the UCC passed a resolution urging individual churches to invest in micro-loans, and does so itself in a large way through Oikocredit and other groups.

How will it work? Members of the congregation will be asked to make one, two or three-year pledges to the

program or one-time donations, designated to the "Seeds of Peace" micro-fund. These will be charitable donations and will be reported back on your church statements. An oversight committee will then take the donations and use them to support micro-loans in one of the three ways outlined above. When people pledge they can indicate to the committee how they would like to see the funds distributed. Those who donate and the congregation will receive regular reports from the committee on how the money is used. The donations will be completely voluntary. No church funds will be used to run the program. The costs to run the program have already been pledged, so 100% of what you donate will be used to fund micro-loans. A mission moment will be coming soon, and pledge forms will be available at the church.

To kick off the program, a challenge fund has been established, which will match, dollar for dollar, the first \$3,500 pledged or donated by the rest of the congregation to support the micro-fund.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the oversight committee, which will study micro-loan organizations, serve as an education resource for the congregation and make determinations on how the church will utilize the micro-fund donations.

If you have questions, contact the Peace office or Charley Kendall at kendall6@charter.net or 724-2793

Help fulfill Christ's mission and support getting this program off the ground by sowing your own "Seeds of Peace". A small amount of your money can go a long way to help raise-up those in need.

See Just Peace film series info on page 12

Roots, Realities and Resistance: Human Rights and Migration Across Borders

Wednesday, April 23

Peace Church Fellowship Hall

Pot luck at 5:30. Presentation at 7 pm

Padre Uvi, a parish priest from Oaxaca City, Mexico, will connect the dots between US policy, migration and resistance. As a well respected leader in the religious and human rights community, Padre Uvi will deepen the discussion surrounding immigration; focusing on the root causes and peoples' movements working for justice and dignity.

A discussion will follow.

Sponsored by Just Peace committee, Witness for Peace, YWCA, and League of Women Voters



You probably recall that in November our partners in Surigao informed us of a massive military operation that had begun in Surigao del Sur, the Southern part of the Surigao Dist. Conference. The

operation forced over 250 families of the Lumad group of Indigenous people from 13 different communities out of their homes and into “evacuation centers” in two high school gyms and the Diocesan Center of Surigao del Sur.

In December, several of our partners from the conference, made a solidarity mission down to the affected area to see what was going on and how the conference might respond. What they found was devastating, but familiar: the U.S. backed Armed Forces of the Philippines had taken over homes and were intimidating people, eventually forcing most to leave the area. School was not being held because the schools’ were turned into refugee camps and “the roar of the artillery and the fear of being accosted by the occupying troops negated any possibility of holding regular learning sessions.”

By the third week of December, the military operation had ended and the refugees were returning home. Unfortunately many returned home only to find devastation. The forces had taken over and wrecked many homes, using lumber from them as firewood and many farm animals had been killed to feed the troops. Community farm equipment - held in common by farmer’s organizations - had been vandalized. By that time, our partners in Surigao had planned a relief mission working with several local NGO’s and People’s organizations. As a sign of solidarity and support for the ministry of our partners, Peace Church raised \$1800 to be sent to Surigao to help with the relief mission.

Results of the Relief Mission

The mission proper took place from Jan. 20-27 and included the purchase and distribution of food and building materials, but before the actual mission took place substantial work went into building coalitions with local groups to work together to get the job done. When the mission began, distribution of basic food supplies took place in four separate locations and helped most of the 250 plus families affected by the operation. Building materials were also purchased locally and a number of homes were rehabilitated and several rebuilt from scratch. In addition, the mission provided valuable bridge building with other organizations concerned with human rights and sustainable community development.

One of the positive outcomes mentioned in our partners report was the “**integration of Peace UCC to the struggle of the communities in the Caraga Region, not just limited to the local partner churches,**

to offer a wider vista of the common concerns and conditions of the rural communities.” Underlying the relief mission undertaken by our partners is an acute *social, political, and theological analysis of the cause* of this crisis and the kind of advocacy and education needed to prevent it in the future. We can do our part by interpreting such events with the same kind of analysis and continuing our efforts to reduce U.S. support of the Armed Forces of the Philippines until human rights issues are taken seriously by the government of the Philippines.

GABRIEL PROJECT

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

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the excitement of Grandma’s Marathon? If so, we have opportunities for you!! Whether you are a runner, or want to donate money or time, we could use your help! The Gabriel Project is holding their 8th annual marathon fundraiser “Running to help keep people on their feet” and we’re looking for all who want to get involved. If you are planning on running or would like to volunteer at the water station, please let your pastor know or call Veronica at 310-0063. Last year we had 60 runners, 50 volunteers and raised over \$3000...let’s see if we can’t beat those numbers so that we can continue serving families in need in our community!

We’d also like to share an event with you called Voting Justice, Voting Hope—Progressive Faith Taking Action in 2008. This conference is taking place in Minneapolis Friday, April 11 – Sunday, April 13. The conference features Jim Wallis, Ray Suarez, and Rabbi Michael Lerner with great workshops. Please check out their website for more information: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=162336>.

Learn about Nicaragua delegation Opportunity!

Monday April 7 at 7pm in the Fireside Room

Lyn Clark Pegg is leading a Witness for Peace delegation to Nicaragua from June 18 to 28. If you might be interested, come to this brief presentation (with photos!) This is an excellent opportunity for youth and adults to learn firsthand about the experiences of Latin American people and how our lives are interconnected. Contact Lyn at 348-3048 for more info.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

BABY STEPS TO HEALTHIER EATING — VERSION 1A, SNACKS

by Kay Stevens

Many of us who began the quest for healthier eating for our children have continued because our cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, waist line etc is now a concern. Some of the snack ideas that we enjoyed with our kids when they were little are still being enjoyed by the whole family today. Fresh fruits and veggies, peanuts and almonds, popcorn, gorp and fruit leather have always been staples, but I want to share recipes for three favorite “treat” snacks. (See below) We have found that keeping the healthier snacks very handy - ready to go in the fridge or out on the counter- helps us to reach for them first. We try to keep the less healthy stuff at the store, or if we bring it home it is in a sealed container in as out of the way place as possible. Also, putting our heads together with friends and family has produced a wealth of “new to us” ideas for taste tested healthier treats.

FRUIT JUICE FINGER JELLO

1(12oz.) can frozen juice concentrate (be sure it's 100% fruit juice) thawed

4 envelopes unflavored gelatin

1½ cup water

Soften gelatin in juice. Boil the water, add the juice/gelatin mixture and stir until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat and pour into a lightly greased 9X13 pan. Chill until firm, cut into squares and refrigerate in a covered container. These squares will last unfrozen for about 4 hours so they can go in lunches, on trips or to picnics. You can get creative and add coconut to orange squares, cinnamon to apple squares etc.

TOASTED CHEESE STICKS

4 slices of whole grain bread (we like the Third Street Bakery Sunflower Bread)

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Toast bread lightly, sprinkle liberally with Parmesan and broil in toaster or regular oven until bubbly and slightly browned. Cut into narrow strips and serve warm or cool. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator, and heat before serving.

GORP DU JOUR

2 cups whole grain, unsweetened, cold cereal (can use Cheerios)

1 cup peanuts or soynuts

½ cup each of raisins, golden raisins, chopped dried apricots, walnuts, sunflower seeds, chopped almonds, shelled pumpkin seeds etc.

We avoid chocolate chips or M&M's because everyone gets enough exposure to the candy temptations in our time away from home, but we have

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		23	Cylar Stegmann
		25	Harold Peterson Jasper Timm
		26	Marge Anderson Mary Nienaber
		27	Cathie Ham Lucas Finch
		30	Lyn Clark Pegg Mike Schrage Bryan Jensen



Afghans for Afghans In conjunction with Greg Mortenson's book *Three Cups of Tea*, there is a city-wide knitting project to knit afghans for the people of Afghanistan. There are five ways to help.

1. Knit 8" squares from dark colored wool and drop them off in the basket at church. Use #10 or 10 ½ needles and about 32 stitches (check your gauge). Knit every row.

2. Donate wool yarn and size 10 or 10 ½ needles. There is a basket at church to collect them in the narthex.

3. Donate \$6.50 to buy a skein of wool yarn. One skein will knit 2 squares. Terese Tomanek will collect the money and buy yarn to be knit into squares at the women's retreat.

4. **Gather in the conference room on April 13th at 11:30 to knit with Peace Church friends.**

5. Come to the Depot on Monday, April 21st at 6:30 pm to help sew the squares together. Bring scissors and a tapestry needle. **Questions? Call Terese at 390-8127**

thrown in yogurt covered raisins once in awhile. What goes into this Gorp recipe depends a lot on what we have in the house on any given day. We think toasting the nuts and seeds in the microwave for a few minutes improves the flavor, but raw works as well. ENJOY!

BOOK NIGHTS

3rd Thursday 6:30-8 pm

April 17 — *Three Cups of Tea:*

One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...

One School At A Time

By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

The book the city has been discussing about one man's journey to bring education to Pakistan. How does this impact and inform our faith? 2 copies in the church office.

May 15 — *The Commitment* by Dan Savage

A gay couple, their adopted son, and their extended family's journey through the decision whether or not to have a union ceremony.

Just Peace Committee presents

"Unveiling Empire" Film Series

Fridays April 4, 11, & 18

7:30pm in the Fireside Room

Film Viewing and Moderated Discussion

Refreshments provided!

Friday April 4, 2008 - *On the Line*

On the Line is an inside look at the people behind one of the largest nonviolent movements in America today: the movement to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC. In a world where politics, passion, and Constitutional rights collide, protesters discuss their activism, the dark side of U.S. foreign policy, and the challenges of protesting since 9/11.

Moderators: Rev. Brooks Anderson, Joel Kilgour

Friday April 11, 2008 - *Iraq for Sale*

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers is the story of what happens to everyday Americans when corporations go to war. Acclaimed director Robert Greenwald takes you inside the lives of soldiers, truck drivers, widows and children who have been changed forever as a result of profiteering in the reconstruction of Iraq. *Iraq for Sale* uncovers the connections between private corporations making a killing in Iraq and the decision makers who allow them to do so. Moderator: Daniel Fanning

Friday April 18, 2008 - *Why We Fight?*

Why We Fight is a documentary that explores why America is at war in Iraq, and why we've been at war every decade since Eisenhower left office. Director Eugene Jarecki's film is about the anatomy of the American war machine, combining personal stories with commentary by military and political insiders including Ken Adelman, John Ashcroft, and Osama Bin Laden.



MOVIE NIGHTS

4th Friday 7-10 pm

April 25 — *Hairspray*

Queen Latifah, John Travolta (in drag!), Michelle Pfeiffer. Great music, great story about Baltimore in the 1960's—TV stations must choose to become racially integrated.

May 30 — *Smoke Signals*

7-10 pm *SmokeSignals* is based on a Sherman Alexey story. From Amazon.com: "Two mismatched young men living on the same Indian reservation in Idaho take a road trip together to collect the remains of one man's father."

Movie — "For the Bible Tells Me So"?

April 9 at 7pm at the St. Scholastica Science Auditorium, discussion following with Fr. William Graham Ph.D

April 13 at 12:30 pm at First United Methodist Social Hall. Discussion with Rev. David Bard

This movie has families of GLBT folk, including former US Rep Dick Gephardt (MO-D), talking about their faith. (sponsored by Standing on the Side of Love, MN HRC, Out Front).

PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY *Check it out!*

Missing Books! *Please search your shelves...*

The Mind of God by Paul Davies; *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* by Harold Kushner; *Stealing Jesus* by Bruce Bawer; *Stories Between the Testaments* by Marjorie L. Kimbrough; *Here I Stand: My Struggle for a Christianity of Integrity, Love and Equality* by John Shelby Spong; *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope* by Joan Chittister; *Bread in the Desert* by Pierre Talec; *Lumen Christi...Holy Wisdom: Journey to Awakening* by Nan Merrill; and *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver. One of our newer books was borrowed without being checked out — *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass — please let us know if you have it.



Sometimes a book is in the return shelf or basket, and it may be tempting to borrow it before the card is returned to the book and the book is re-shelved. Please do not take a book without signing your name and the date on the card! *Thanks!*

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- A very special thank you to Karyn MacLean who established a scholarship fund in Mark Nelson's memory. This fund will be used to help pay camperships for folks wishing to go to Retreats, Work Camps, Winter Camp, and Vacation Bible School who would not be able to do so without financial assistance. Many thanks to Karyn! We continue to hold her and her son Eli in our prayers.
- From Alisha Blazevic and Nicki Seibert: "Dear Kathy and members of Peace, Thank you for all of the prayers and support from each of you after my brother's death. We are blessed to be a part of this amazing faith community and were truly touched by everyone's kind words."
- From Souper Bowl of Caring: You are one of over 14,000 groups that reported totals amounting to over \$9 million! Thanks for your efforts to transform Super Bowl weekend into an unprecedented time of giving and serving. (During Super Bowl Sub Sales, we had a tip jar out, and these tips went directly to the CHUM Foodshelf.)
- To Molly Watson, Ron Deters, Laura Zahn and Emily Johnson for helping the youth experience serving dinner at Damiano
- To Molly Watson, Nick Geiger-Zeitler, Essie Geiger-Zeitler, Tom Wilkowske, Steve Horner, Cynthia Coffin, Jonie Langdon-Larson for their leadership during the Youth lock-in, and to Lori Lind for bringing coffee to Nick and Pastor Tony!
- To Kim Squillace for arranging the youth fundraiser of selling Green Valley Bags.
- To Holly Jorde for overseeing the youth banner project.
- To Denise Perry for fixing the youth room couches.
- To Pastor Kathy and Tony LaDeaux for leading the discussion of *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*.
- To Cynthia Coffin and Tom Wilkowske for leading our youth band!
- To Essie Gieger, Sarah Nelson, and Libby Fena for taking extra shifts in the nursery!
- To the CE committee and all our volunteers who helped with Making Easter Real. Everything went smoothly once again because of all the great help!
- To the Isernhagens for the use of their cabin for the Men's Retreat.
- To the adults who helped with the Jr high youth group bowling: Melissa Kadlec, Nick Geiger-Zeitler, Leon Rohrbaugh, Sarah Carlson.
- Many thanks to donors of coats and boots for Lincoln Park School Hardship Fund collected by Laura Zahn. There is always a need for winter clothing grades K-8 so please keep that in mind while doing spring cleaning or shopping garage sales — Laura will pick up your donations or you can drop them at church.
- From Girl Scout Troop 188: "Thank you Peace Church for letting us use the church."

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Andrea Van Slooten, daughter of Jane and Ryan, who was baptized on Sunday, March 2
- Shaina Wagner and Jackson Wagner Lundberg, son of Shaina and Scott Lundberg, who were baptized on Sunday, March 16th
- Jim and Sheryl Filby Williams on the birth of their son, Jasper, on March 21st.
- Phil and Angela Wood who had a baby girl, Taylor Ann, on March 24th. Taylor is the granddaughter of Tom and Kendra Sharkey.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Joyce Clement who has been hospitalized
- Ken Wergeland recovering from knee surgery
- Judy Hlina's Mother, who is in hospice.
- Nick Zeitler's Mother, being treated for cancer.
- Anita Nelson, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

SYMPATHY TO

- Jim Soderberg on the death of his mother.
- Lorraine Anderson on the death of her brother Marvin.
- Leigh McMullen on the death of her mother.

RECYCLING PEACE

- **Nick and Essie are looking for child care** starting in April/June time. They are willing to have this take place at their house or another location. Essie would also be willing to do daycare for others if her child can be included. For questions or comments please contact 728-4483.
- **Needed: Double & Queen sheets and towels.** Call Anita 940-3279.
- **The Twin Ports Action coalition is looking for donations of beads**, beading supplies and old costume jewelry that can be reused to make new jewelry. They will be making jewelry and selling it at a craft sale to raise money for the homeless in our community. More info, call Scott at 336-1034. There will be a collection box at Peace Church.
- **PEACE WORKS Bulletin Board** — Look for this in the Fellowship Hall! This is a way for us to support people in our church community through their work lives. Half of the board is for Peace members and friends who are looking for work or hiring someone — post your resume or job listing here. The other half is for those who offer professional services or products that may interest — post your business card or short notice there. This is not an endorsement by the church, but rather a way to network and possibly help ourselves or others to do business within our Peace community.

Weds. April 2 at 7:30 - God Politics: Peril and Promise

At CSS Mitchell Auditorium. Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Baptist minister and professor of Theology, English, and African American Studies at Georgetown, speaks on race, class and the politics of faith with subtlety and skill. Admission free.

**Northern Communities Land Trust
Grandma's Marathon Fundraiser**

Host a runner in your home during Grandma's Marathon weekend (June 20-21) and donate the proceeds to the affordable housing work of Northern Communities Land Trust! For more information about this fundraiser or to sign-up to be a host home, email Catherine@landtrustduluth.org or call Catherine at 727-5372.

Slow Food Lake Superior will hold a conversation series in the Fireside Room here at Peace from 3-4:30 p.m., on **Sunday April 27**. (Third and final session.) Email lakesuperiorslow-food@yahoo.com or call 728-5066 for further information.

The theme chosen for consideration this year is: "Making Sense of Local Food System Issues." **Becky Lourey**, former Minnesota state senator and farmer, will focus on ways in which politics and technology affect how food is grown. Future conversations will feature local growers, restaurateurs, and others.

Calling all Men!! Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

Thursday April 10th

March begins 6pm at Fitgers

Rally begins 7 pm at Harbor City School

Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence.

You can download a Walker Registration Form at www.walkamileinershoes.org or pick one up at Peace Church office. Pledge sheets and envelopes also available at church office or PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault). Return completed registration form to PAVSA 32 E. 1st Street, Duluth, MN. 55805.

This is an awareness and fund raiser for PAVSA's annual Take Back The Night event on April 24, 2008.

Wholly Fit Dance Experience

Promoting Healthy Aging

Saturday May 3 at Temple Israel 7-10pm

Be part of a new "Movement." Join other active mid-life to later-life adults and be part of a healthy active aging movement in the Duluth area. At 7pm the experience begins with exploring four kinds of active dance: Line Dance, Zumba, Hip Hop, and Community Dance. The band "The Out-Of-Towner's" will provide the music for the evening. Dessert, beverages and healthy snacks will be served. There will be a suggested donation with the proceeds going to Safe Haven Women's Shelter. For more info contact Gary and Judy Gordon at 355-0677 or gordonduluth@gmail.com

DONATE YOUR USED TOOLS

To Men As Peacemakers (501(c)3)

Donate tools of all types to the drop off "Tool box" in the Peace Church Narthex.

Call Men as Peacemakers 727-1939 if you need to have your tools picked up. All donated tools must be in good working condition. Tools accepted thru Friday, May 2nd

*All tools donated are tax deductible; receipts are available from our staff at Men as Peacemakers

Tool Sale — Saturday May 3rd

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At Builders Commonwealth

517 Garfield Ave.

for more info 218-727-1939

www.menaspeacemakers.org



KIDS— Join "Puzzle Peace"

Interfaith Children's Choir for

pre-school to middle school ages.

Call Cyndi Gritzmacher at 728-9774

"Dear Saints"

When your heart is breaking
And you feel as
Though you are dying in your spirit.
Know that you are resurrected
With Christ.

When you are mocked, scorned and
Persecuted know that you
Are alive in Christ.

When you're bewildered and battered
By life and bruised by
The cares of this old world
Rise in Christ.

Know in your hearts my beloveds
That He died for you,
He rose for you
And he lives
In you.

*Written by Sister Naomi Tamar
and read at worship on Easter Sunday*

APRIL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 6 Carla Langdon-Larson, Essie Geiger, Erin DeWitt
- 13 Jessica Olson, Annie Rupert, Stacy Stark
- 20 Amanda Pfau, Jen Hudyma, Amy Larson
- 27 Mary Adams, Mariah Berner, Melanie Lundell

Ushers

- 6 Cheryl Walsh, John Moeller, Robin Davidson, Diana Machones
- 13 Seversons, Essie Geiger, Karie Simpson
- 20 Devlins, Jayme Hennen, Anne Skwira-Brown
- 27 Swanoskis, Caroline Harris, Michael Pfau

Greeters

- 6 Gary and Janell Kohls
- 13 John and Lyn Pegg
- 20 Cindy Macaulay and Barb Forrest
- 27 Diana Machones and Barbara Pestalozzi

Lay Readers

- 6 Nadine Hubert
- 13 Cindy Macaulay
- 20 Sharon Kirtley
- 27 John Ameal

8:30 Communion Bread

- 6 Julie Flotten
- 13 Jerry Cleveland
- 20 Terese Tomanek
- 27 McLeans



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday April 13

- 1:30 Prep: Jesse Schomberg, Barb Forrest, Barb Rupert, Sarah Jessico
- 4:30 Meal Serving: Brenda Butterfield family, Melanie Lundell family

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 7 Bob and Kay Stevens
- 14 Penny Cragun
- 21 John and Lyn Pegg
- 28 Pat Sjoding

NEW COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES



At the beginning of this year, we divided the congregation into 12 monthly serving groups for our coffee hour and communion volunteers. The **April schedule** is below, as well as the **May Committee list**. Call the office, or the monthly coordinators with questions.

It has been good to see new faces involved in this ministry, and it is a good way to get to know more Peace Church people. **Thanks so much to all who are helping out!** However, this may not work for everyone, so please let us know if you do not feel you can serve, and we will take your name off the list.

We welcome feedback! Have you been involved in the January, February or March coffee hour serving? How did it go? Do you have questions or concerns about serving in an upcoming month? Let us know. Call Janell in the office, 724-3637, or Cizzarie, 525-0325.

April

Coordinators: Daina Rosen and Susan Goltz

April 6—Daina

Communion Set-up: Deters
Set-up: **Help needed**
Servers: Alan/Joan Peterson
Clean-up: **Help needed**
Cookies: **Needed**

April 13—Daina

Set-up/Cookies: Terri Benton
Servers: Rohrbaughs
Clean-up: Jen Pearson

April 20—Susan

Set-up: **Help Needed**
Servers: Tomhaves
Clean-up: Gary Anderson
Cookies: Deb Johnson

April 27—Susan

Set-up: **Help Needed**
Servers: Todd Kneebone
Clean-up: **Help Needed**
Cookies: **Needed**

Coming up — May

Coordinators:

Barb Forrest, 727-5399

Cindy Macaulay, 722-3432

Dan & Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks,
525-5212

Sheri & Brian Bergeron,
729-4632

Viola Brown, 279-7617

Sam & Phyllis Cook, 728-6332

Jon & Tabitha Devlin, 724-7087

Maggie & Marc Fink, 729-6669

Brian & Sandra Graff, 724-2555

Stacy & Dustin Holden,
715-364-8509

Matt & Patty Johnson, 724-2840

Christa Knudsen, 728-1370

John & Ellen Lindgren, 525-3754

Phyllis & Scott Mead, 848-2051

Melanie Shepard & Al Netland,
724-4960

Craig & Jeanie Peterson,
724-6313

Earl Rosenwinkel, 728-0356

Lauretta & Brad Shrake,
728-1737

Eve Stein, 390-3185

Kathy Dowell/Paul Van Antwerp,
728-2188

Please call if you can be on a sub list for coffee hour help, or if you can volunteer on any of the dates that help is needed on the April list!

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

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Music Director: Jim Pospisil
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg
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