



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

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

Winter Camp ~ February 8-10

"Each of Us is More Unique than a Snowflake"



Do you like winter? Do you like skiing? Do you like playing in the snow? Do you like to sauna? Do you like sledding? Do you like sitting and reading a good book by a fire?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider yourself invited to join us at Camp du Nord, outside of Ely, MN. We have reserved a number of cabins for our church community to get away for the weekend of FEBUARY 8-10.

We will have access to BWCA ski trails, time for ice fishing on Burnt-side Lake, the revival of Peace Church Winter Olympics, hills to sled on, and time to relax. This is a great opportunity for new folks to meet people and old time members to reconnect. The cost will be \$50 for kids 10 and under, \$75 for the rest of us. Scholarships are available, and the weekend is open to everyone, but we do have a limit of 80 beds. (We have 80 signed up, but may be able to reserve more space, so be sure to let us know ASAP if you'd like to go.)



Sunday January 13 - At 10:30 am

Encore Presentation of Choir Cantata
"Holy Night of Miracles"

Due to a heavy snow storm on Sunday, December 23, very few people were able to attend church to hear this beautiful cantata, so the choir will share it again. Pastor Tony Clark will preach at the 8:30 am service.

Annual Financial Meeting

Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 am

Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow the 10:30 service on January 27th. Please stay as we:

- ◆ Adopt our 2008 budget.
- ◆ Vote on the financing for Phase 2 of our building project, "Opening Doors, Building Peace and Praising God".
- ◆ Adopt the proposed bylaw changes.

The bylaw changes will be mailed to you for your review. They were re-worked to reflect the actual way our committees and ministry teams work with each other and with our coordinating council. Also the treasurer will now be part of the executive committee and a voting member of the coordinating council.

Important Meeting for all Winter Campers

Sunday, January 6th at 11:30am in the Fireside Room

Join us as you learn more about the weekend, get your cabin assignments and make your final payments for the weekend. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you would like to help with different pieces of the weekend – The Winter Olympics, Sunday morning Worship, or Sunday Brunch.

Money is due by January 6th, as we need to pay in full by the end of that week. Contact Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg for more info.

January 6 is D-Day at Peace—see more on page 3!

Time to D-Decorate the church! Please stay after church on Jan. 6 to help take the Christmas decorations down.

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FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

On Friday, January 4th, the confirmands, Tony, and I will head down to the Twin Cities to be part of an Urban Immersion weekend. It is a time to think about what it might be like for people living in the Philips neighborhood. There will be time for education, reflection and hard work.

We went last year at the same time. Last year after all our work we went to the global market place just a block from where we were staying. It is in the old Sears building, amazing what they had done with it and even more amazing the creation of life inside. It is a global village filled with small, local ethnic businesses – you could get a tamale, baklava, chicken feet. The space was also filled with aroma and music—live music, and people were salsa dancing.

We noticed a huge line of kids. It was Epiphany, the celebration of the visit of the magi. In Mexico it is not Santa who brings presents, but the kings or magi. The children were lined up in the World Market to have their picture taken with the kings and to receive a gift and candy. The kings were very regal and beautiful. It was wonderful to have Epiphany so alive and real. The heroes of our story are folks on the margins of their society—magi and a peasant family.

Matthew makes no effort to identify these particular Magi. He says only that they are from the East, probably Arabia. They are astrologers of a sort. The singular for magi is magus from which our word magic comes. The common denomination in all of the magi's functions was in their capacity to see what others could not. They took the time to watch and wonder — they saw what most of us were too busy to see. And for the Magi, the world of the spirits was as real and tangible as what the rest of us call the real world.

The arrival of the magi and their search for a new king gets Herod's attention. What's this threat to his reign? Herod panics and pulls together the best of his scholars. Tell me, tell me what text are these guys, these wise guys really seeking? They all learn the Christ will be from Bethlehem, not Jerusalem. And so these magi travel on. The magi go to the village. They see the child, they hear the story of scripture and they are forever changed. They go home another way. They travel on another road, but they also have a new orientation to life, they will never be the same, for God's purposes have been revealed to them.

And God's plans and promises have been revealed to us in a child born to peasant parents, sought by shepherds and magi, outsiders both. God born in an unlikely place. As biblical scholar Walter Bruggeman writes, "The narrative of Epiphany is the story of two human communities: Jerusalem with its great pretensions and Bethlehem with its modest promises." Which community is our community? Will we allow ourselves to be vulnerable to the confounding promises of our God? Will we listen to those on the margins as they share the good news with us?"



One of the Magi from our recent Christmas Pageant

We are called to love God and love one another – all the others. We work together so that all people may be drawn to God's inclusive love. May there continue to be light enough for us as we share the love we have found. Found in an unlikely place, in a peasant child, who grew to be the light of the world.

Peace friends ~ Kathy

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 6 – Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6 and Matthew 2: 1 – 12
Sermon: "Where is the Child?" Pastor Kathy preaching

This morning we will celebrate communion at both our services. James Moors will provide special music at the second service, along with our choir.

Sunday, January 13 – The Baptism of Christ

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1 – 9 and Matthew 3: 13 – 17
Sermon: Pastor Tony Clark will preach at the early Service.

At 10:30 the Choir will present their Cantata, "Holy Night of Miracles". Due to a heavy snow storm on Sunday, December 23rd, very few people were able to hear this beautiful cantata, so the choir will share it again with us this Sunday.

Sunday, January 20 Second Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1 – 7 and John 1: 29 – 42
Sermon: "Meeting Jesus" Pastor Kathy preaching

A worship service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at 5 pm this day at St. Mark's AME Church on 5th Ave East. Our senior choir and Clear have been asked to participate.

Sunday, January 27 Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture : Matthew 4: 12 – 23

Our Dismantling Racism Team will lead our worship this morning.

Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow our worship service this morning. Please plan on staying for this very important meeting. The Agenda includes:

1. Adoption of the 2008 Budget
2. Voting on the Proposed Bylaw Changes (these will be mailed to you)
3. Voting on the Financing for the "Opening Doors, Building Peace, Praising God" Building Project

Sunday, January 6 is "D-Day"

Now that the month of D-cember is past, Sunday, January 6, has been D-clared "D-Decorating Day." All Dedicated members of Peace Church are invited to D-decorate the church and D-posit all Decor into its proper place. We are D-pending on many D-voted volunteers to make this a quick and D-lightful task! So don't D-lay, Dedicate your time after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 6 to D-Decoration Day!

ADULT FORUMS – Sundays 9:30am

Topic Study in the Fireside Room
Bible Study on the day's Lectionary texts in the Conference Room
Grab your coffee in the Entryway!

Topic Study in the Fireside Room

Sunday, January 6 — Abra Hovgaard will be speaking about the non-profit she is involved with, "Free the Slaves", and bringing awareness to the problem of modern-day slavery.

Sunday, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3

**APOCALYPTIC What is that?
Who says REVELATION is a scary book!?**

For four Sundays beginning January 13th, Rev Bob Stevens will lead a study on the book of Revelation during the 9:30 adult forum time. This will also include some background on other apocalyptic, end times writings.

Financial notes...

The Council will be finalizing the 2008 budget at their January 15th meeting. If you still intend to pledge for 2008, please turn it in before that date. Thanks to all who have turned in pledges.

2008 offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Please pick them up if possible to save on postage. Thanks!



FROM PASTOR TONY

I love the gospel stories of the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: 1-17, and John 1: 29-42). Except for Jesus' teaching in the Temple at age 12 (Luke 2), the baptism of Jesus is the first time we see Jesus in public. I love that in this first story of Jesus he teaches us about humility, simply in the way he acts. Even though everyone including John expected Jesus, the Messiah and Savior, to baptize John, Jesus insisted that John should baptize Jesus!

Baptism frames the book of Matthew. At the beginning of this gospel Jesus is baptized by John, and at the end of this gospel the risen Christ gives a specific commissioning to the disciples to "Go... and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28: 19).

For centuries, this act of baptizing has been the focus of Christian missionary activity. Christian theology understood that conversion of every person to Christianity would bring God's salvation, the second reign of Christ and a time of peace to the whole world. People followed Jesus' command to "make disciples of all nations," by forcing non-believers to convert and be baptized.

Forced conversion and baptism was entwined in the European conquest. Christian theology of conquest focused on universal salvation through baptism, not on the desire of the converted. As early as 1493 Pope Alexander VI gave the Spanish King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella the right to convert (baptize) the native inhabitants and extract tithes, thus making the church in the Americas a Spanish national church. Many strands of the Christian church, including the historic forbears of the UCC, followed some form of forced conversion practice. European colonialization understood "Go...and make disciples of all the nations" as "force them to believe" which is a long way from the humble baptism of Jesus who chose to be baptized by John.

I believe that we are made disciples of Jesus not just through baptism but also by adherence to his teachings; Jesus' public teachings began when he chose to be baptized by John. This first public act of human humility by Jesus is our first chance to see how God would live with us--in a reversal of power. Jesus' baptism early in Matthew leads directly to Jesus Christ's command to baptize others at the end of the gospel. Yet the European colonialists might have done well to recognize that in the final verse of Matthew (28:20) Jesus Christ tells us that it is not enough to be baptized, but that all disciples should "...obey everything I have commanded you..." The Greek root word for "**command**" is only used sparingly by Jesus, with the most important time being when Jesus tells us the greatest **commandments** are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind..." and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt 22:37-39).

In this New Year, as you remember your baptism, may you humbly choose to be reborn into these greatest commandments of loving God and your neighbor.

Pastor Tony

FROM CYNTHIA COFFIN, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I don't know about you... but after the holidays I always feel like it's time to get back to regular life...time for a new start, a fresh beginning. I suppose that might be due to the fact that it's a new year too, and everyone is making resolutions, but I'd like to be a bit more spiritual than that this year and think that it has something to do with God's greatest gift to us... Jesus.

I love the final scene in this year's Christmas pageant. Holly Hollywood and Buddy Broadway are desperately trying to figure out what Christmas is all about, and here is what they find from the not-so-famous crowd:

Christmas is about peace

Christmas is about love

Christmas is about hope

Christmas is about joy



It is knowing that God is with us, knowing that we all have a place in the family, knowing that when we fail to do the things we say we want to do this New Year, there is grace and love to keep us going. The gift of Jesus says all that! Wow! Hmmmm... maybe we should keep our nativity scenes up all year just to remind us of all these things! Blessings to you and your family as you begin a new year with the confidence that God is with you and nothing can separate you from that love. In the words of Paul,

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:38-39

Blessings ~ Cynthia

YOUTH



Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP
6th-12th graders!
Every Wednesday - 7-8:30pm
In the Senior High Youth Room

In January we will be finishing the verses of the song "Everywhere I Go (God is there)" with Steve Horner, and then he will schedule individuals to record it. Then we will start making banners for the sanctuary. These banners will be used on Sundays in the fellowship hall while the sanctuary is remodeled and then moved upstairs when the sanctuary is done. Come help design, draw, trace, and paint these banners!

Jan. 9 at 7 pm: Worship will be song verses with Steve H, 7:30 drawing ideas for banners.

Jan. 16 Skiing at Spirit Mtn, leave 5:30 pm

Sign up by youth room.

Cost: (Scholarships available)

Lift Ticket \$8 (Adult over 18 yrs-\$12)

Rental: Skis \$10, Snow Board \$15

Jan. 23 — Tracing onto banners

Jan 30 Tub(b)ing at MontDuLac



Leave at 5:30 pm, back by 8:45 pm;
cost \$15.00

NOTE: During Lent (Feb 6-Mar 19) We will worship with the rest of the congregation at 7 pm every Wednesday in the sanctuary.

Feb 6 — Ash Wed 7:30-8:30 youth painting banner

Feb 13 — 7:30-8:30 painting banner

Feb 20 — NO YOUTH GROUP (Winter Break)

Feb 27 — What is Islam?

Mar 5 — Bowling

And it's never too early to think about...SUMMER:

National Youth Event for 9-12th graders.

July 24-28, 2008. Travel to University of Tennessee in Nashville with other UCC'ers from across Minnesota; join other UCC'ers from across the country as we worship God and celebrate our denomination!.

Jr High Work Camps: new this year! We hope to trade-off 24 hour work days with Peace UCC in Roches-

*Next Youth Advisors Meeting:
January 20th 4-5:30 pm at church*

FOR SENIOR HIGH YOUTH ONLY!!!!

(9-12 grade) Party!!!!

Saturday January 12th 7- 11pm

Jonie and Carla Langdon-Larson have invited us out to their house on January 12th for a party. Have you ever sat outside in a hot tub in the middle of winter? Who can lie in the snow the longest in their swimsuit? Come eat, play guitar hero, make snow angels, and warm up in the hot tub!

6th-8th graders — iFaith.com

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ECUMENICAL YOUTH
GATHERING**

JANUARY 26, 2008, 9:45 am - 5:00 pm

Peace UCC in Rochester, MN

We'll be leaving early Saturday morning, Jan 26, return late Saturday night. Features Bryan Sirchio (Christian Contemporary singer go to www.sirchio.com, albums at the bottom of the page give sample mp3s) and Sheltered Reality (Really awesome drumming and teaching on homelessness. Ask Pastor Tony about Eric!!!!) cost \$12.00 plus non-perishable food item (Bring money for food along the way).

Senior Highs: Feel Left out? A similar event is being planned for April 12, also in Rochester!!!

CHURCH SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

Church School starts up again January 6th

Meet us in the sanctuary at 9:30 for our 'welcome back' opening with Holly Hollywood.

Church School Teachers

**Teacher Meeting January 13th at 8:45am
in the Music Room**

*We'll take some time for a check in
and look ahead to the rest of the year.*

**Thank you from Cynthia
to all my Pageant Elves!**

*I am so amazed and blessed by all the volunteers
this year. Peace Church rocks! (See more on the
Peace People page.)*

Vacation Bible School is August 4-8th!

Mark it on your calendar now...

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Training for Ushers and Greeters

Sunday January 13 at 11:30

Yes, there is a lot more to these jobs than meets the eye! On January 13, we would like to gather those who have signed up for OR are interested in learning more about these two very important forms of ministry. Grab some coffee after the 10:30 service, and join us in the Music Room for a 45 minute information sharing opportunity. We especially invite people who might be interested in being a greeter, as we would like to have more 'on duty' each Sunday. Hope to see you there – we promise we will keep it as short as possible!

February 29 - March 2 - Men's Retreat

Save the dates for the Men's Retreat Feb. 29 - March 2. It will begin with supper Friday and end after worship on Sunday morning. Come for all or just a part of the weekend. The retreat will be held at the Isernhagen cabin near Gordon, Wisconsin.

What does Peace Church mean to you?

We are working on a new brochure for Peace Church and may want to include some quotes from members about Peace Church. If you are willing to submit a line or two and give us permission to quote you, please email office@peaceucc.org, or drop it off at the office.

Recycle your CFL bulbs at Church

There is a Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling box in the church narthex, above the coat rack near the office. The bulbs contain a few chemicals that require proper recycling. The Just Peace Climate and Energy Team will take the bulbs to local recyclers. Thanks for your climate and energy support.

LOST and FOUND

- Last month during the showing of Sicko, a pair of choppers was lost. Regular choppers, striped woolen mittens inside. If you picked them up by mistake and wondering whose they are, contact Judy at 728-9827 or gibbsjudy@aol.com. Thanks!
- A brand new men's watch was found on the floor by the men's bathroom, and a pair of little girl's patent leather shoes was found in the pews after the Christmas Eve service.
- Please check the lost and found in the narthex—there are many other items, which will soon be donated if they are unclaimed.

Reading, Writing, Reflecting Group

January 3 — Conference Room
(1st Thursday) 5:30 pm

Using an essay or short story, we write and discuss how these readings and writings affect our faith.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday January 23

Noon at the Benedictine Health Center

Third Floor Lounge.

Cheryl Walsh will lead the study.

Questions Along the Way

Every Tuesday at noon

Join our open forum for ideas about the spiritual journey. Bring your lunch and your own experiences or questions of faith, and join an often lively, occasionally irreverent, and sometimes intense conversation. Open to all!

PALS

Thursday January 24th

(please note date change)

Game Night

The January PALS gathering will be a game night at Joan and Alan Peterson's home. It will start with potluck supper at 6 PM. More details will follow at later date.

Taize Worship

1st Sunday of the Month: January 6

5 pm—Chapel at First Lutheran Church

11th Ave. and E. Superior St. — enter on London Road at the Southwest corner of the church. Come for coffee and conversation afterward at Dunn Brothers on London Road.

Upcoming dates for your calendar

April 18 - 19 Women's Retreat

We are planning a Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort near Lutsen on Friday, April 18th. Cost will be \$40 per person. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help with the planning. There is an option for a second night stay for those who wish.

About our new format: The Peace Bell has been getting bigger, and we needed to make some adjustments to keep the bulk mailing costs down. We hope this new format will work out for our readers, and for the USPO!

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES — *All are welcome!*

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30pm: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study, Fireside Room (Inquirer's Class Jan. 23 & 30); Youth Activities in Youth Room
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group 7-8:30pm: Confirmation (January 9 & 23)
Boards and Committees meet on **January 9** at 6 pm

2008 WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES BEGIN ON JANUARY 9th!

FAITH WEAVERS

KINDERGARTEN—3RD GRADE
WEDNESDAYS 6-7pm



This winter and spring we're going hear stories of Jesus and other Bible characters. Through games, crafts, songs and skits we'll explore what these stories mean for us. Join us each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Lakeview Room.

Parents: Thanks for all your help on Wednesday nights! Because of your willingness to help out, everyone only has to help 2-3 times for the rest of the year! Way to go! Watch for a letter in your mail with the helper schedule. Please show up by 5:45 to find out what your role is for the night you're scheduled.

We are still looking for parents or other adult volunteers to lead Faith Weavers the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Do you have a special skill or talent... or just like hanging out with kids? Come join us on Wednesday night!



PEACE PUPPETS

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

Children's Choir

We'll be starting up again January 9th at 5pm in the Music Room. Cynthia Coffin will continue to lead us in singing, games, dance, and learning musical notation. Pre-school through 5th grade. See you Wednesdays at 5pm.

CONFIRMATION

We will leave on Friday, January 4th from church for our weekend of Urban Immersion in Minneapolis. We will spend the weekend learning, working at various agencies that serve low income folks and having fun together — going to the World Market, worshiping at Park Avenue United Methodist Church and stopping briefly at the Mall of America. See you all at 4pm on Friday!

Classes in January

January 9th — Who is this Jesus?

January 23rd — Studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapters 1 and 2

Inquirer's Classes

Wednesdays, January 23 and 30
6 - 7 pm

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. **We will welcome new members on February 3rd during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

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.

Wednesday Volunteers Needed!

If you enjoy sharing a meal with Peace Church friends on Wednesday nights, please sign up to help with prep or clean-up! If you can help out on January 9, please call Nadine, 345-6986, or the church office, 724-3637. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex and at the Wednesday night meal.

Please take your turn to help Nadine with this meal that provides fellowship and nourishment for all!

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP

Philippine Partnership News December 21, 2007



The past few months have been busy for the Philippine Partnership. In November, several of us along with partners in the ecumenical community worked on gathering signatures for a Letter of Concern to the Congress regarding U.S. military assistance to the government of the Philippines. Signatories included the heads of many Protestant bodies, including Rev. John Thomas of the UCC. Many local church pastors, including Pastor Kathy Nelson, also signed the letter. Peace United Church of Christ was the only full congregation to sign onto the letter.

You've probably heard about the omnibus spending bill that finally became law this week. In it was \$30 million in Foreign Military Financing for the Armed Forces of the Philippines, despite its implication in many human rights violations. This is a lot more than we'd hoped for, but the good news is that, for the first time, there are some limited human rights and oversight provisions included in the bill's language, so **thank you to all who made calls on behalf of this issue!**

Late in November we received news of a massive military offensive underway in Surigao Del Sur. Thousands of indigenous people had been driven out of their homes into refugee camps. Our partners conducted a solidarity mission to the area and made the following observations:

"the presence of armed soldiers by itself created a climate of fear in the communities, but such were reinforced when the troops forcibly stayed in the private homes of the residents, some soldiers even slept with the families in their own bedrooms...later the residents realized they were being held hostage and used as human shields, they decided it was time to flee for safety..."

On the 9th of December we informed you of this situation and over the next several weeks, **you donated over \$1700.00 dollars** to our partners to help them conduct their ministry to the indigenous people of Surigao Del Sur. These funds will help with a variety of needs including food, medicine, etc. We will update you as to how the funds are used in the coming weeks. God bless you all for this show of solidarity with the people of Mindanao.

The most recent news out of Surigao is that the offensive has ended in these particular communities and many of the refugees are returning home. Our partners will still be contributing greatly to the needs of people as many return to homes where livestock are gone, and crops have been neglected for weeks and are thus still in need of food, medical assistance and spiritual support.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a collaboration between CHUM and thirteen congregations. Our collective goal is to support people living in poverty and to strive for social and economic justice throughout Duluth.

We'd like to welcome two congregations to the CHUM Gabriel Project: Duluth Congregational and First United Methodist Church. We are excited to have their support as we all work together to make change in our community!

Here are some upcoming opportunities to get involved in...

January 26 — 10th Annual Citizens in Action workshop

Workshop will be held from 9 am – 2 pm at the UMD-Kirby Center. 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. To register or get more information on the workshop, please e-mail Rosie at rkemp@cleanwater.org.

February (Date TBA) — Homeless Lobby Day at the Capitol

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. Join us on the CHUM bus – to sign up call 218-625-1739. For more information specific to the day or to register, please visit www.mnhomelesscoalition.org.

March 13—JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition) "Day on the Hill"

Every year JRLC hosts an annual Day on the Hill conference. This is a time to learn about how to be a citizen-lobbyist and to organize justice work in your congregation. Participants are briefed about justice policy issues and then are given the opportunity to lobby members of the legislature. Last year over 1,000 people attended. Consider riding down with us on the CHUM bus! To sign up, call 218-625-1739.

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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS ~ EXERCISE! by Bill Simpson

Many people view exercise and its benefits in the wrong light. Many might see physical activity as optional, perhaps a hobby or seasonal like when they need to take a stab at that New Year's resolution. Daily physical activity and exercise are absolutely essential to good health and weight maintenance and are particularly important as the country faces an obesity epidemic.

The need to be a more active nation is at the core of a new initiative recently launched by the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Medical Association called "Exercise is Medicine". The goal of the program is to encourage physicians to prescribe exercise during patient visits. Able patients could be advised to participate in at least 30 minutes as a minimum; more would be better.

If there was a drug that could prevent or treat chronic conditions such as hypertension, cardiac disease and diabetes, surely every doctor would prescribe it as it would be in patients' best interests. The drug does exist, but not in pill form: Exercise can treat (or help prevent) these health woes and others, and in only 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per day.

Even so, a recent public survey by the American College of Sports Medicine found that only 41 percent of physicians talk to their patients about the importance of exercise while two-thirds of patients would be more interested in exercising to stay healthy if advised by their doctor and given additional resources.

Patients visiting their doctors should ask questions about their health status: Are they at a healthy weight? Taking their current health status into consideration, what types of exercises are best and safest? Is there a certified fitness professional or registered nutritionist they should visit to improve their health?

And physicians should likewise talk to patients about exercise. Indeed, a recent article in the Mayo Clinic Proceedings publication referred to this as an obligation of primary care physicians. They should be talking to every one of their patients about exercise, as it is critical and should be a standard part of every primary care physician's practice.

Bill Simpson, PhD, is an Exercise Physiologist and a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. He is an associate professor at UWS.

OWLs for 8th-10th graders

We will be offering the Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education program this spring to our 8-10th graders. The course will be facilitated by Cizzarie Schomberg and Kevin Skwira-Brown. If you have a child in this age group, look for a letter in early January with more information. Questions??? Please feel free to contact either Cizzarie Schomberg, 525-0325, or Kevin Skwira-Brown, 728-3079.

Mandatory Parent Orientation on Sunday, January 20th, 12-2:30pm.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Grace Marshik | Judy Hlina | 22 Christa Knudsen |
| 2 Philip Hubert | Emily Youngstrand | 23 Bill Kohlts |
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| Barb Forrest | 22 Matthew Morris | |
| 12 Mike Hatlestad | | |



MODERATOR'S REPORT *by Mary Nienaber*

This month was the annual pizza meeting...I mean the budget meeting, which inevitably is longer and better fed than any other Council meeting. We start early and end late, still attending to regular church business. The Council members were pleased with the excellent preparation for the meeting, both from our ever-able staff and the work of the committees in developing thoughtful budget proposals.

Thankfully, we were able to develop a close-to-balanced estimated budget in our hours together. With our growth we have seen increased giving every year, and we're confident that this will be the case for 2008. We've already received information from 21 new pledging "units" and know there are more to come. This is a good time to remind you that those of us using automatic deductions should renew our pledges too!

It is always somewhat of a guessing game this time of year, with a few too many outstanding pledges and the current pledged deficit, but, as always, we are a people of faith preparing a budget of faith. We currently have 130 pledges in and would expect at least 175 from prior experience. We are hopeful that the people of Peace will come through with pledges before our next meeting, so we can present a more accurate picture for the Annual Meeting.

This is an important year to attend the Annual Meeting on January 27th. We will have three critical pieces of business: the 2008 budget, the financing for Phase 2 of the building project and amendments to the by-laws.

As you've hopefully heard in service announcements, we have met our \$500,000 goal of Capital Campaign pledges and the building committee is working with the builders to come up with revised construction figures for a spring start. This group will be working diligently to have solid numbers to present at the meeting. It is a long-held vision to follow our mission by providing an accessible building with room to grow and the Council is thankful to all who have volunteered their time and made pledges of support to make this vision a reality.

The revisions of the bylaws are primarily in organizational structure. As part of Kathy's sabbatical she and Tony attended a conference regarding organizational structure in growing churches. She came back with great ideas about creating a structure that allows a more organic approach, encouraging people's passions and ideas to energize activity while maintaining a simplified operational structure. You will be getting a draft of the bylaws in the mail soon, and I encourage you to ask questions of me, or any Council member, after reviewing them.

Also in this Peace Bell is the feedback from the congregational session held on November 18th with Pat Miller. It was a wonderful time of sharing: grieving that which has gone in the growth process, celebrating what we have gained and generating ideas for moving forward. The Council and other groups will be using these ideas in the planning processes to come.

As I write, we are approaching the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and right now all I can think of is that glorious scene from our Children's Pageant: the mass of children in various form of costume, learning the true meaning of Christmas through songs and stories. I am so grateful for the messages we send out at Peace Church, and thankful for all those who helped create that experience. It was Peace Church at its best!

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COORDINATING COUNCIL

Council will meet on Tuesday, **January 15th** at 7 pm. This is a crucial meeting as we finalize the 2008 Budget.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Committees will meet on Wednesday, **January 9th**. Dinner is served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6 pm. Childcare is provided.

BOOK NIGHTS

3rd Thursday 6:30-8 pm
Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, Jan. 17, *Animal Vegetable Miracle*
by Barbara Kingsolver

From www.kingsolver.com "Kingsolver and her family ...journey away from the industrial-food pipeline to a rural life in which they vow to buy only food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. Their good-humored search yields surprising discoveries about turkey sex life and overly zealous zucchini plants, en route to a food culture that's better for the neighborhood and also better on the table." Sponsored by Health and Wellness Committee. 2 Copies available to borrow in the Peace UCC Office. Copies available to purchase at Northern Lights Books in Canal Park.

Thursday, February 21 — *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*
by Sherman Alexei

Young adult fiction about Junior, a cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Reservation, who is encouraged to leave in order to get a better education. Both funny and poignantly real with good illustrations. Appropriate for teens and older; some adolescent situations. Sponsored by the Undoing and Dismantling Racism Team. Tadd Johnson, will be present to discuss meeting Alexei at the *Smokesignals* movie premiere.

Thursday, March 13
(one week early, due to Easter)
Deep Economy by Bill McKibbin.
Sponsored by Peace and Justice team.



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY *Check out our publications!*

WEAVINGS

The library has a collection of several issues of the publication, *Weavings*, located in a rack in the Fireside Room. If you aren't familiar with this, you may want to check it out! Each volume is a collection of spiritual readings on a common theme. The aim is to promote informed, committed spiritual growth and leadership by exploring how God's life and human lives are being woven together in the world.

Some themes in past issues include: Be Still, Keep Alert, Truth, Neighbors, End Times, Loneliness, Belonging, and Enemies.

MOVIE NIGHTS

4th Friday 7-10 pm



Friday, January 25, 7-10 pm
Amazing Grace

This movie is based on the life of British parliamentarian William Wilberforce, who was influenced by his pastor, Rev. John Newton, author of the song "Amazing Grace". Newton wrote the song in response to a religious conversion when he was captain of a slave ship. Wilberforce fought for abolition of the slave trade with the help of Olaudah Equiano, who had been an African prince and slave in the Colonies. Equiano bought his freedom and made his home in London, where he wrote a best-selling account of his life and became a leading figure in the fight to end the slavery of his fellow countrymen. Movie trailer can be found on www.youtube.com.

Friday, February 22, 7-10 pm
Call Me Malcolm

Sponsored by ONA Committee. *Call Me Malcolm* is the story of a female-to-male transgendered seminary student who seeks faith and understanding through conversation with other trans-people. Malcom's first call was as pastor to Mayflower UCC in Minneapolis.

Do you have any suggestions for a movie or book that our congregation should watch or read together?

Contact Pastor Tony or Cindy McLean.

Peace Bell Deadline is the 20th of the month.

ALIVE NOW

"*Alive Now* seeks to nourish people who are hungry for a sacred way of living." It is a series of short essays, with each issue following a common theme.

Some recent themes include: Play, Humility, Make us One, Technology, Blessings, Mystery and Meaning and Suffering.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- Jim and Cindy McLean for getting the trees for our sanctuary and for decorating them so beautifully. Thanks to Max and Ed Proetz for the trees.
- 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 the Pageant Elves from Cynthia: Thank you to Jen Hudyma for organizing costumes for this year's pageant! You put in lots of time... thank you thank you! Thank you to Holly and Doug Bowen Bailey for writing such an amazing pageant this year! You both do so much for this church. Thanks for making the DVDs, videotaping, and directing... Thank you to Julie Deters and one of her students who came up with the idea of magnifying glasses, cutting them out, and putting them up... Thank you to Lisa Brown for getting the stray bails and directing traffic on Sunday... Thank you to the Praise Band for leading the music... for Karie Simpson and the CE committee for organizing volunteers for the pageant lunch... all the Sunday School teachers and parents for gently guiding the children through the rehearsal... for Doug Bowen Bailey, Nick Zeitler, Rolf Hagberg, Tim Carpenter, and John Ameel who video taped and photographed the pageant... for 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 everyone who donated something for our Giving Tree. We were able to give over 50 gifts to the youth of Life House and folks at Loaves and Fishes.
- 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, and our musicians for a wonderful Christmas Cantata. The Cantata will be repeated on Sunday, January 13th since many folks were unable to hear it the first time due to a snow storm.
- To our choir and musicians for wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Services – the Hanka's, Kristina Green, Claire Smith, Emily Ramsey and Cynthia Coffin, Cathy Ameel, Steve Horner and Peter Provost.
- To Cindy McLean and all her angels for our Christmas Eve puppet show.
- To Dick and Linda Goese and all who helped them for making delicious appetizers for our staff Christmas Party.

- From Bethany Crisis Nursery: "Just a quick note to thank you for your time and thoughtfulness. The donations you gave continue to help the families we serve."
- To Lee Gibbs from the Oriental Market for providing yummy Filipino treats for Christmas Eve.
- From Loaves and Fishes: Thanks so much for the gifts and pies for our Christmas Party. We deeply appreciate your steadfast support. Our Christmas party had about 100 people come, and everyone seemed to have a good time and went home with a full belly and a gift. The desserts were bountiful and delicious. May God bless you richly with God's Spirit.
- To Dave Cave for making the beautiful stand for our new acolyte candle lighters. With Dave, our wish seems to be his command! We appreciate you so much.
- To our custodian Brad, who rode the cherry picker up to change the light bulb on our parking lot light. (Have your hands warmed up yet?)
- From Jim Soderberg at CHUM: "As we enter this Holiday Season we thank you for joining with many of your neighbors to reach out with hope and compassion to those among us who are struggling through their own darkest days. Your most recent gift has been used where needed most. With the winter now upon us we are seeing a need for more winter coats, blankets and a bit of cheer to help our guests get through what can be a very lonely time for some."
- From Veronica, Steve, Ben and Kim at the Gabriel Project: "Thank you all for your support of CHUM and of Gabriel Project. It has been a pleasure working with you through another year."
- From Life House: "Thank you all so very much for your generosity for our holiday party at Life House! You make it possible for us to have a nice holiday for the youth that we work with! We had over 100 youth in attendance and it was fantastic! Thanks you for your kindness! Happy New Year to All!"

CONGRATULATIONS

- George Sill, son of Nicole and Brian Sill, who was baptized on December 22nd in our sanctuary with Pastor Kathy officiating.
- Dustin and Stacie Holden on the birth of their daughter. Keep the family in your prayers—Stacie fell just a day before the birth and has a badly fractured leg. She will be in a full length cast for many months and needs to keep it propped up.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Mark Nelson recovering from surgery for colon cancer.
- Jen Pearson, finishing treatment for thyroid cancer.

SYMPATHY TO

- Elrose Norfolk on the recent death of her brother.

TIMES ARE CHANGING

Times are a-Changing at Peace United Church of Christ - by Pastor Kathy

On Sunday, November 18th about 60 folks gathered after worship to be led by Pat Miller in a discussion about how Peace Church has changed over the past 15 years. She opened us with prayer and it was a great time to talk in small and large groups.

I remember back when a question was raised in Coordinating Council, "How big do we want to get?" I surprised myself even when the first thing I thought of was Christ's words, "Go then to all peoples everywhere, making them my disciples and baptizing them. . ." We can't decide how big, God just sends us out. God calls us to go to ALL people. We have tried to make Christ's radical hospitality and welcome our own. And people have responded. We have tried to en flesh what I see as our mission statement "Opening Doors, Building Peace and Praising God". We have worked on issues of peace in so many arenas - Dismantling Racism, ending the war in Iraq, The Philippine Partnership, Energy Issues, serving at CHUM and the County Jail. And these efforts have echoed in the hearts of many in our community who want to be part of such peacemaking efforts. All of our work is rooted in our praising of God. Without this and the hope it give us we could not go on.

Sixteen years ago when I came, we were a lot smaller. I have always felt that we are called to be servants of one another. Back when we had 130 in worship it was a lot easier to know one another and we more easily cared for one another. We are still called to go out, to praise and serve and welcome, but it is now more clearly something we do together. We have grown from a pastor-centered church to a programmatic church to a corporate congregation. When we say corporate it is not business, but body. (Like the Apostle Paul spoke of in his imagery of the body of Christ.) We function as a body, but to do so the roles and ministries have to be more defined. The staff facilitates the ministry that we all do together, each with our part. As your lead pastor it seems more and more that my job is to be the connective tissue—to make sure various parts know what the other parts are doing. As we continue to open doors, build peace and praise God together.

In our meeting on November 18th we talked about all these changes over the years. It was a great discussion. Listed below are some of what folks said is different and what we have gained. (Thank you to Mary Nienaber for taking the notes of people's comments). Tony, the council and I are always interested in what you think. If you have other ideas, please share them with us.

What's Different?

Not knowing people ~ No circles ~ One service in the past ~ Need more money to support the church ~ Congregation size stretches the pastors ~ Change - expansion - of the building, more money ~ Now have two clergy ~ Need more volunteers ~ Diversity in congregation ~ Access - needs increased ~ Styles of worship have changed ~ More community outreach ~ More choices of activities ~ Greater noise during worship - sound system hasn't grown with church ~ Use organ less that we used to ~ Parking challenges ~ Loss of individual in the crowd ~ Loss of connectedness ~ Potential loss of corporate history ~ Large number of children active in the congregation ~ Smaller budget was easier to meet

What Have We Gained?

Expertise and skill in congregation ~ Good mix of ages ~ Children growing up in a diverse congregation ~ Using our voice as liberal Protestants ~ Leadership and outreach in social justice issues in the community ~ Excellent expanding staff ~ New opportunities to attract members with new building space ~ Two pastors! ~ Church operating in a healthy manner ~ Continue to value prairie garden ~ View of the lake with new building

HISTORY



In honor of this year's 50th anniversary of the UCC, our Heritage Committee is writing articles about our history. This month's article is an interesting note about one of our bells.

Recently Patrick Burke of Richmond, Virginia, contacted the church after viewing the story of our three bells and the Peace Memorial Tower

on our website. Mr. Burke was interested in learning more about the history of the tower and bells, especially the one from the USS ASCELLA. It seems that Patrick served in the Navy aboard the ASCELLA during World War II and recalls hearing the bell ring out many times from a forward position on the ship. Also, Mr. Burke is now a member of Bells For Peace, Inc., an organization whose mission is to preserve the Belgian Friendship Building, part of the historic Black College known as Virginia Union University. Their goal is to restore this building as the University's cornerstone and provide new bells in the empty tower belfry to serve as a symbol of hope and peace throughout the community. Bill Kehtel of the Historical Committee spoke with Mr. Burke explaining our long-standing agreement with the Dept. of the Navy regarding the loan of the bell and the clarification made just this past summer that ringing the bell was an integral part of this indefinite loan. Patrick assured Bill that the bell was a substantial one that would certainly hold up to being rung and was glad it was being used for this purpose.

Non-partisan Caucus Training

Sat. Jan. 26, 1 -3pm, Peace UCC Fellowship Hall

Join us for non-partisan training to be a delegate or to caucus for any political party at the precinct level during the statewide election process. Learn how to write a resolution—the examples given will be LGBT focused but easily translatable to any social justice cause. Sponsored by Standing on the Side of Love, led by Laurie Crelly of MN Human Rights Campaign. Following the workshop, if you want more information join Laurie for coffee at a restaurant to be chosen that day.

United Theological Seminary

Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs: An Interactive Workshop
Sunday, January 13, 2008, 3-5 pm at First United Methodist Church in Duluth (Coppertop)

The workshop will be led by Arthur Clyde, worship consultant and editor of *The New Century Hymnal*. Admission to the workshop is free. Refreshments will be served, and information about course offerings will be available. Come join us and bring a friend!

UTS Spring 2008 Course Offerings in Duluth, February 8, 2008 – May 10, 2008

Music in Worship: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs

Introduction to Feminist Theology

More info: Call Ann Nordgren 525-3136

Message from Rev. John Thomas, UCC president

Dear Friends,

We need your help to provide critical shelter, food, clothing and schooling for Iraqi war refugees and their children in 2008. As of today, we have raised an astounding \$82,700, just \$17,300 short of our goal of \$100,000. We need your help now. Our January 6, 2008 deadline is quickly approaching. Will you make a donation today to help us meet our goal?

Your contribution now will help us provide needed assistance to the over four million people who have been displaced by the Iraq War.

- A gift of \$40 can feed a family of four for two weeks.
- \$85 can provide warm coats and hats for 5 children.
- \$100 can provide medicine and testing for the chronically ill.

We have pledged to meet our goal by January 6, because it is a significant date. For western Christians, this is the day of Epiphany, the time in which Christians proclaim the light of Christ to the world. But it's also Orthodox Christmas Eve, the time when most Iraqi Christians will gather to celebrate Christ's birth.

As it once was proclaimed by angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace." Let us be bold in 2008 and advance peace for all of God's people.

God Bless You,

The Rev. John H. Thomas

CHUM Annual Meeting

February 21

6:30 Social; 7pm Meeting

United Baptist Church (830 E 1st St)

Sr. Lois Eckes, Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery will be the speaker.

CHUM Needs:

Gloves and hats for men and women; new dental floss and new tubes of denture adhesive; egg cartons, condensed canned juice, and macaroni and cheese.

CHUM Volunteer Needs:

Tax Assistance Program:

Two volunteers are needed to assist with tax preparations for CHUM clients between January 2nd and April 15th. Last year the 400 households helped by volunteers received direct payments of over \$400,000 in tax refunds, earned income credits or rental rebates. This is of huge benefit to these mostly very low-income households and requires very little programming or overhead on our part. It does require three or four responsible, organized volunteers that are good at performing this kind of task and are comfortable working with CHUM's service population.

Two very dedicated volunteers provided this assistance last year and need help from one or two more volunteers. There is training for volunteer tax preparers in early January and the program will begin the week of January 14th. Volunteers usually work 1 day/week.

Please call Paul Glazman at 721-4626 for more information.

Food Shelf:

A volunteer is needed to assist with packing food on Wednesday or Friday between 10 am and 1:45 pm at the East Food Shelf. If you can help, call Meg at 727-2391.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 6 Patty Beech, Erin DeWitt, Amy Larson
- 13 Carla Langdon-Larson, Mary Adams, Stacy Stark
- 20 Jessica Olson, Annie Rupert, Jen Hudyma
- 27 Michael and Amanda Pfau, Melanie Lundell

Ushers

- 6 Karie Simpson, Caroline Harris, Seversons
- 13 Essie Geiger, Hubert family
- 20 Mike and Diane Swanoski, Anne Skwira-Brown, Jayme Hennen
- 27 Cheryl Walsh, Michael Pfau, Cindy and Mark Poirier

Greeters

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

Lay Readers

- 6 Anne Swira-Brown
- 13 Karie Simpson
- 20 Michael Pfau
- 27 Naomi Tamar

8:30 Communion Bread

- 6 Janell Kohls
- 13 Jerry Cleveland
- 20 Terese Tomanek
- 27 McLeans



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday January 13

- 1:30 Prep: Jen Stenerson and Melissa Boyle, Phyliss and Scott Mead
- 4:30 Meal Serving: Jeanie Peterson and family, Penny Cragun

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes!

- 7 Pat Sjoding
- 14 Essie Geiger
- 21 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 28 Tom and Monica Liddle



NEW VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING STARTING IN JANUARY!

As we announced in the October Peace Bell, beginning in 2008 we will be instituting a new model for our coffee hour and communion volunteer schedule. We have divided the congregation into 12 monthly serving groups, each with 2 coordinators. Below see the **January and February groups**. Call the office, or the monthly coordinators with questions.

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