



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

DULUTH MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON , PASTOR ~ OCTOBER 2008

THE AMAZING GRACE

*Stewardship
Drive 2009*

This year's stewardship drive is running in a new way — The Amazing (G)Race. On October 26th we will kick off the race to gather our financial pledges for our 2009 operating budget. There will be a fun video, music and team captains. We hope to have all the pledges gathered in by November 16th so that we can dedicate them during worship. This is a crucial year as you consider what you can give to keep Peace Church running smoothly all year long. We recently learned that our budgeted heating costs have doubled, and we are looking at our staffing configurations and salaries that are below conference guidelines.



How it works:

Members and friends of Peace Church will be organized into neighborhood relay teams of 7 households. Team captains will be selected, and teams will "race" to turn in their pledges to the church office. When the race packet comes to your house, you will be asked to do three things:

1. Take a pledge card and fill it out. You will receive an envelope and you can return the pledge card to church yourself, or you can pass it along in the packet to be returned when your team completes the race. (Your pledge will be confidential, it is not shared with other team members.)
2. Share an example of God's Grace in your life. Each team packet will contain a special "scroll" for team members to record personal statements, images, or stories. When the team completes the race and the packet is returned to church, these scrolls will be displayed and shared.
3. "Pass the Baton" – or, in this case, the packet – to another person on your team. Remember, this is a race, so make it a goal to pass the packet within one or two days. (Those who have prayerfully considered the amount of their pledge when the packet arrives will have an advantage!)

You can look forward to weekly "Race Updates" at Sunday worship as we celebrate the teams that complete the race and turn in their pledges. Our goal is to make stewardship fun and meaningful. Together, we will continue to make Peace Church a place where we celebrate God's Grace in our everyday lives.

UNICEF CARNIVAL Oct. 25th
5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE New Time! UNICEF will be on a Saturday evening this year, rather than Sunday after church, due to our construction.

All ages are invited to join us for our annual UNICEF Carnival on Saturday October 25th from 5 to 7pm. Bring a friend and come in costume if you choose (non-violent costumes please). Have a hot dog and caramel apple while you play games.

All proceeds go to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.

More info and donation form on page 6



BUILDING UPDATE

We are moving along on schedule and so far under budget. As you can see the roof is almost done and what a difference it's going to make, both in terms of energy and looks. All the pitched roof sections are now the same color. The new roof on the old sanctuary a-frame is fully insulated and should go a long ways towards helping to conserve energy. Once we had things opened up we realized how poorly insulated we were. Almost all of the mechanical and electrical work has taken place within the walls and it's time to start covering things up. We are still hoping to be in our new space sometime in November. Again, we will be looking for volunteers to help bring the pews upstairs and install them. Please let us know of any concerns.

Dan Green

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

A couple of months ago one of our members appropriately challenged me to talk about money more. He said if I did he would be on the stewardship committee. What a great deal! After looking over the stories for the coming weeks, I decided that the story about God providing manna in the wilderness would be a good story for this. Manna often is thought of as money, people whining over not having enough, and then God providing just enough for the day, perfect story, and then wham, Black Monday happened.

There has been a whole lot of whining and talk about money this week with the crash on Wall street and what looks to be the need for the federal government to take over huge mortgage debts. Money and whining, and everyone wondering, what will be enough. Wow – what is enough? And, will we trust our God for daily bread?

Moses and Aaron are having lots of problems in their journey with the Israelites. In the book of Exodus we read, "And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness." You have brought us out in this wilderness to kill us with hunger? What's for dinner? I'm not eating it? In fact, the word Manna, which we have usually translated as bread, actually means "what is this?"

Murmurings such as the Israelites "Would that we had never left home" are universal human reactions in times of struggle and not knowing. Wilderness times are those days of waiting to see what will happen next. It is that time when one season, one way of being, has ended, and another has not yet begun. As a nation we seem to be in one of those right now. In the chaotic times of our journeys, in the facing of our wildernesses, we may murmur for the past – for at times it seems like there is no place like home, no place like home – a home to which we cannot return, but only travel on, begin the walk again. Our murmurings and complaints should not come as a surprise to us. For the Israelites the wilderness was a rocky and dry place, with shortages of water and food. In our journey we too will have dry and rocky places, wildernesses of grief or uncertainty. We too will wonder how much longer? What is this?

And yet we live by God's miraculous provision. The people in the wilderness with Moses and Aaron were fed. In Exodus 16 God sends manna and quails to the hungry Israelites. The Israelites are told not to hoard the food, to take only enough for that day. Resources are shared so that no one goes hungry and none have more than they need. Greed causes the bread to go wormy. In a real way they know their dependence on one another and on their God in a daily and taste-able way.

Walter Brueggemann, UCC scholar of the Hebrew scriptures and Barb Bruggemann's uncle, writes of "the deep materiality of our faith," an earthiness, if you will, "that begins in the valuing of creation and culminates in the incarnation, a materiality that knows all along that our bodies count decisively." Brueggemann finds great spiritual meaning in something as ordinary as food. And the source of our food has greater significance than we may imagine. "What happens to our bodies?" he asks. "On the one hand they take in food. We must eat. On the other hand the food that is eaten is transformed into loyalty, energy, work, and care. The one who provides the food we eat governs the loyalties we embrace."

Whose food do we eat? In his many reflections on this manna story, Brueggemann often makes the connection between our loyalties and the source of our food – Is it Pharaoh and his system, or is it God, who gives in abundance but calls us to walk in faith, in trust, not hoarding but sharing to make sure everyone has enough? Will we share with one another? Brueggemann warns that "we must pay attention to what we eat and to who feeds us." So the people of Israel have gone from one challenge to another: "The first task is leaving; the second task is believing," Brueggemann says. We face the same challenges, perhaps in different ways, and God is there, to be What God Will Be, as we face those challenges. Will we be ruled by grace or greed? Can we dare to share our money, our time?

God's call is to each of us . . . and yet we murmur . . . We are fed and we feed one another. That is God's bread we are called to eat and share. It will be a challenge for this community at times – we learned this week that our budgeted heating bill has doubled for the winter, we have so many more folks walking in our doors needing help, and we are wrestling with staffing decisions. Each and every financial gift to this church is crucial and used carefully and well. Soon we will kick off our Stewardship Drive for 2009, the Amazing (G)race. It so important as we consider what we are called to share and strive to move closer to the biblical tithe, if you're not already there.

We are not called to be safe, or hugely successful, but faithful. I am so grateful for this place and this people. So many folks have come to us or called this week after the newspaper article on the anti-gay graffiti on Barb Bruggemann's home and our response in support of her. Many of the calls have been folks needing to share their pain as gay or lesbian Christians. And other folks have come to us who needed gas money to get home or to a funeral. One woman came to us after surgery for appendicitis and she was 4 months pregnant. There was enough here to share, to get her home to her other children.

We are called to listen to one another, listen to that place inside that says I am with you always. God's spirit will empower us to trust – trust and share. Together we make our way with our God.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

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

We often need musicians to provide special music for our 8:30 service. If you can help us with this ministry, please let Pastor Kathy or Jim Pospisil know, or sign up in the Narthex.

Join us for Worship

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall

We have special rugs for kids to sit on up front to help us make room for lots of people. Fellowship time after worship is upstairs in the narthex. We hope to be in the new sanctuary in mid November. Come and take a look at the addition — it is beautiful!

Sunday, October 5th – World Communion Sunday and Neighbors in Need Offering

Children's Time by the Ant and The Kid; music by the Senior Choir and Praise Team

Sermon by Jim Soderberg, Executive Director of CHUM

This morning we will also receive our annual Neighbors in Need offering. This crucial offering helps our denomination work on issues of justice in our communities. One third of the offering is used to support our 20 Native American Congregations situated in the poorest counties of our nation.

Sunday, October 12th – Welcoming New Members

Sermon by Rev. Marma Urbano, guest preacher. Rev. Urbano is a political refugee from the Philippines and currently a guest lecturer at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (see more about Rev. Urbano on insert page). Our Children's Choir and Senior Choir will be singing and we will welcome new members into our congregation

Sunday, October 19 – Children's Sabbath

Scripture: I Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10
and Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Sermon: "Living Messages" Pastor Kathy preaching
Senior Choir and the Praise Team will provide music.

Sunday, October 26

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12
and Matthew 22: 34 – 46

Sermon: "The Compassionate Life"
Pastor Kathy preaching

This morning we will kick off this year's Stewardship Drive "The Amazing (G)race". The Senior Choir and Clear will provide our music this morning.

This year's Thanksgiving service is Tuesday, November 25th at Peace UCC at 7 pm

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

OFFERING – OCTOBER 5, 2006

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

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

Adult Forums in September

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

October Theme: "Who is My Neighbor?"

Answering Jesus' call to Compassion and Justice

Sunday, October 5th – Jim Soderberg, the executive director of Chum, will talk about the current ministries of Chum and their work in advocacy.

Sunday, October 12 – Rev. Marma Urbano, from the Philippines. Rev. Urbano is currently a political refugee and teaching and studying at United Theological Seminary. She will talk to us about the current situation in the Philippines and her work there with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Sunday, October 18 – Glen Maxham will speak about the 1918 fire in Moose Lake. Glen has written a book about the fire and Superior, Wisconsin's compassionate response to the folks fleeing the fire. Trains brought over 5,000 people fleeing the fire to Superior where they were met with food, housing and more.

Sunday, October 26 – Discussion on the Public School Levy

What does voting yes mean for our kids and our schools and our tax bill?

*Turn the page for more
Adult Education opportunities!*

MORE ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room

October 1 – Inquirer’s Class

Come learn more about our local congregation’s history & structure, and take the tour of the building.

October 8 –Committee night

There are lots of great committees to be part of—Christian Education, Just Peace, Property, Care and Fellowship and more. If you would like to join one of these great groups, talk with Pastors Kathy, Jonie Langdon Larson or Paul Van Antwerp.

October 15, 22, and 29 — Bible Study in the Fireside Room.

We will be using lecto divina, a study method that reads the Gospel lesson 3 times, asking each time how does this passage touch my life and invite change.

Women’s Spirituality Group

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 am
Fireside Room

On the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30a.m, a newly formed Women’s Spirituality Group will meet in the Fireside Room.

Join us October 25 for coffee and bible study on Matthew 22: 34-46 using the Lecto Divinia method. Other readings will also be added.

All Women are welcome!

Men’s Bible Study

Mondays, October 13 & 27
at 6:30pm

Please join us on the second and fourth Mondays of the month for an informal, but focused look at our lectionary texts for the upcoming week. We tend to center on one text that peaks our interest or curiosity, and work through it, to determine its significance in our faith tradition and our present lives. No experience necessary! Facilitated by Paul VanAntwerp.

Friday Night Movie (4th Friday)

October 24 at 7pm in the Fireside Room,

October movie — “Freedom Writers”

Bring a beverage - popcorn provided

This is a true story of inner city kids raised on drive-by shootings and hard-core attitude. And the teacher who gives them the one thing they need most: a voice of their own. Dropped into the free-fire zone of a school torn by violence and racial tension, teacher Erin Gruwell battles an uncaring system in a fight to make the classroom matter to a diverse mix of African-American, Latino, Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Caucasian students. Now, telling their own stories, and hearing the stories of others, a group of supposedly “unteachable” teens discover the power of tolerance, reclaim their shattered lives, and change their world.

November 28 Movie — “Lars and the Real Girl”

Whether your Thanksgiving was hectic or very quiet, please join us for this time together the Friday following. We will be watching “Lars and the Real Girl”. (PG-13)

In this comedy, Lars Lindstrom is an awkwardly shy young man in a small northern town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law’s home. The only problem is that she’s not real - she’s a sex doll Lars ordered off the Internet. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but rather a deep, meaningful relationship. His sister-in-law is worried for him, his brother thinks he’s nuts, but eventually the entire town goes along with his delusion in support of this sweet natured boy that they’ve always loved.

Book Night — Thursday, October 16

Peace Church Book Group meets the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8 pm. If you like to read and discuss your reading in a small, friendly group, please join us in the Fireside Room.

White Like Me—Reflections on Race

by a Privileged Son by Tim Wise

Subtitled Tim Wise explores white privilege through stories about his own life and others’ in a conversational style that makes the book easy to read. He explores the meanings and consequences of “whiteness,” and discusses the ways in which racial privilege can harm not just people of color, but also whites. Using stories instead of stale statistics, Wise weaves a narrative that is at once readable and yet scholarly; analytical and yet accessible.

Tim Wise will be speaking at UMD on Monday October 27, afternoon and evening programs.

Book Night — Thursday November 20

The Clothes They Stood Up In by Alan Bennett

If you have been looking for a chance to join in the discussion, this may be the perfect time. *The Clothes They Stood Up In* is a very fast read and particularly appropriate as the Christmas shopping season approaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransome return from the opera to find their flat totally empty. The casserole has disappeared along with the oven, and even the toilet paper’s gone. As they deal with their loss, they rediscover the simple things and learn that life without all their accumulated baggage isn’t that bad after all.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Reading, Writing, Reflection Group Thursdays October 9 & 23 5pm Fireside Room

We've enjoyed our experience in the Reading, Writing, and Reflection Group so much that we thought we'd add another evening! Please join us at 5pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Marilyn Mayry will be facilitating this group.

Men's Breakfast—Oct. 2, 16 & 30 Embers Grill in West Duluth (27th Ave. W) Please join us every other Thursday morning for casual conversation and company

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study Wednesday October 22 at noon Benedictine Health Center Third Floor Lounge *Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh* *Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert provided.*

Questions Along the Way Every Tuesday at noon in the Fireside Room Please join this informal gathering as we share and discuss the questions that have been lifted up in our lives and faith this week. All are welcome! Paul Van Antwerp facilitates this group.

PALS (Peace Adults Learning and Socializing) Thursday October 30th, 3pm *Tour of Cirrus, dinner at Hamshers*

PALS will meeting Thursday, Oct 30th for an afternoon of interesting sights and evening of dinner. Mark your calendar for a 3 p.m. tour of the Cirrus airplane manufacturing facility by the airport followed by dinner and some discussion topic TBD at the Hamsher's, a short drive away from the airport. Cirrus could only do an afternoon tour, but we anticipate enough of us have a schedule to take advantage of this, and if you don't you can hook up with the group later for the dinner feature. More details to come. Remember - PALS is an informal group of "Peace Adults Learning and Socializing". That means all adults are welcome - old, young, single, couples !! So ask around . . . invite yourself. . .don't be shy. It's fun way to get to know our Peace Church family.



Game Night

Friday October 3 & Monday October 20 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

There have been enough voices raised from people that can't make our Monday night gatherings that we thought to add another evening each month! Please join us, at 7pm, both on Friday, October 3rd, and Monday, October 20th. Mark your calendars! And by the way: if you use words like "AB" and "ELL" and "XI" when you play scrabble, there's a group of Scrabble addicts that's waiting for you to join their game! Childcare is available, but please call ahead. Paul Van Antwerp and Sharon Kirtley will be facilitating this group.

Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes! October 8 & 22



Pastor Kathy can be found every other Wednesday at 9 am at the Chum Drop-In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join her any time you can. It is a great way to meet new folks and help out! Bible Study follows at 10 am.

Peace Church Women's Basketball

Tuesdays at 7pm in the Grant School Gym
All skill levels welcome. No small children please, for safety reasons. Call Karie S. with questions, 341-5528.

Hey Folky Musicians! Up for a Hootenanny?

A group of us are interested in getting together over the winter months to practice our instruments, sing some folk songs, and have a good time. Very informal. All skill levels welcome! Please contact Paul Van Antwerp if interested: 218-728-2188, paulvanantwerp@gmail.com

Coming up in 2009...mark your calendar!

January 30th = February 1–Winter camp Weekend at Camp DuNord on Burntside Lake near Ely. Everyone welcome! We have room for 90 folks. Cost for the weekend is \$60 per person with scholarships available. Folks will be put into teams to help prepare one meal. Sign up in the entry way. Let Pastor Kathy or Cizzarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend.

Men's Retreat – March 6 – 8

If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Friday, April 24 - 25 Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night. Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus.

August 3-7—Vacation Bible School!

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones..." Matthew 10:40

I am still thinking about our Sunday school theme "extravagant welcome". On Rally Sunday, we welcomed over 100 kids to our church! We had colorful balloons, gave Bibles to our Kindergarteners and 3rd graders, and gave colorful rubber bracelets to anyone who walked through our doors. Our Sunday school teachers played 'get to know ya' games and had special treats. We know what kids like! Making all feel welcome throughout the year is very important to us. I have also been thinking about the bigger picture... how do we welcome kids around the country and the world? One way our kids right here at Peace Church can offer a child a glass of water somewhere else is by participating in UNICEF, The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

"Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF shows many children that they can make a difference in the world by volunteering to help others. Since Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF was started by kids 58 years ago, boys and girls have collected over \$140 million to help change children's lives. Last year we raised over \$4 million! Every one who dressed up and went door-to-door, or donated money, had a measurable impact on the lives of other children around the world. Every day, children die needlessly from preventable causes – because they lack simple things like access to clean drinking water, basic childhood medical attention, or mosquito bed nets to prevent malaria. UNICEF's goal is simple – we will do whatever it takes to reduce the number of childhood deaths. Every donation can make a lifesaving difference, with every dollar collected:

- 6 cents provides water for 1 thirsty kid**
- \$2 provides nutrition for 1 hungry kid**
- \$44 provides school supplies to 20 kids**
- \$112 provides emergency blankets to 37 kids**
- \$200 immunizes 550 kids against measles**

Every penny that we raise for UNICEF will be put to work right away to help children across the globe gain access to better nutrition, clean water, medicine and immunizations, education, and emergency relief. Lets make a difference this year! Come to the UNICEF carnival on October 25th 5-7pm here at Peace Church, and if you go door-to-door collecting yummy treats, please don't forget to ask for donations to UNICEF! We can give a cup of cold water to a little one who is thirsty! For more info, go to www.unicef.org.

Blessings, Cynthia Coffin, Children's Ministry

**UNICEF CARNIVAL Oct. 25, 5-7pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

All ages are invited to join us for our annual UNICEF Carnival on Saturday Oct. 25th. Bring a friend and come in costume if you choose (non-violent costumes please). Have a hot dog and caramel apple while you play carnival games and participate in activity stations. Bowl, bean bag toss, try Plunko, go fishing, and much more. All proceeds go to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.

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

**UNICEF CARNIVAL—October 25
Volunteer and Donations Sign Up Sheet**

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

Name _____

Phone # _____



Donations:

- Please write in the quantity you are willing to donate.
- Donate _____ decorated cake(s)/cupcakes for the Cake walk (store bought is OK)
 - Donate _____ packages of wieners and _____ packages of buns
 - Donate _____ gallons of apple cider
 - Donate _____ dozen apples
 - Donate _____ containers of caramel dip
 - Donate \$ _____ (cash) to purchase prizes
 - Donate prizes: _____ bags of snack size candy
_____ dozen non-candy prizes



Please return all donations to the Church no later than Wednesday, Oct. 22 so we can purchase what is still needed.

Volunteer Help:

- Please check the ways you are willing to help:
- _____ Help set up on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 3-5pm
 - _____ Help during the carnival with games, food, tickets
 - _____ Help clean up from 7-8pm
 - _____ Help in another way: (please list)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

YOUTH

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays — 7-8:30pm — Youth Room



October 1st – Jonie with Confirmation Youth. Cynthia will lead Youth Group! What does the bible mean to me? How does it fit into my life?

October 8th – The Torah! AND... What does it mean to be a Youth Group!? What's important to you??

October 15th – Jonie with Confirmation Youth. Cynthia will lead! Exodus!

October 22nd – Plan for the UNICEF Party! It will be what YOU make it!

October 29th – Boo! 6-8:30 PM Halloween Party at Jonie's House! Come in your favorite Costume!



Night Without a Home



Twenty-two of us, youth and adults from Peace Church, participated in the Night Without a Home event!



We carefully constructed our cardboard houses, with little more than cardboard and duct-tape, this helped keep the wind off of our faces, but for many of us the cold in the night was real! We raised money (over \$700.00) and awareness towards ending homelessness in Duluth! Matt 25:34-40! What would Jesus do?? We were cold just for the night... but in the morning were ALL able to return to our homes and church! At church we were greeted with food, shelter, and rest for our bodies and souls. We are so reminded of those that never do get that rest!

God Bless ~ Jonie

Other October Events!

Jr. High/Sr. High

Oct. 11th BARLOW Girls in concert at Denfeld High School! Barlow Girls are an awesome Christian Girls Rock band whose main message is Jesus loves you; love him back! They also speak tons to waiting till you are married to be sexual with your boy/girl friend! Meet at Peace Church at 6:15, we will car pool over there! \$17.00 per ticket, money due 5th October.

Oct. 25th Be at the church at 7:45 AM!!! This will be a FULL day of activity! In the morning we will be making Pizzas for a Youth Group Fundraiser. The money that we earn will help us to do fun things during the year! After that we will be decorating the Fellowship Hall for the UNICEF carnival, which the youth totally RUN! You will be done with the night about 8:00 PM! Twelve hours of being at church! Whoa! Come when you can. No worries we will have a blast!

Oct. 29th Halloween Party at Jonie's House! Come dressed in your favorite costume! We will have a bonfire, bobbing for apples, and??? Help me plan it! 6-8:30 PM.

Looking ahead to November...

November 14th = Youth babysitting fundraiser 6-10 PM! \$20 for one child, \$5 more for each additional child. Let the youth group (and a few brave adults) baby-sit your children while you enjoy an evening out on the town!!

...followed by our first overnight
LOCK-IN (Nov. 14-15th)

... Babysitting will be followed by our first LOCK-IN of the year! Baby sitting is a great service to families. A lock-in is a great service to your parents who don't have to see you for 24 hours and for YOU who don't have to see them! Smile. Come hang out and have a fun evening!

OWLS (*Our Whole Lives*)

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

Please be watching for a letter regarding the OWLs course that is scheduled to take place this year for our 9-10th grade confirmation youth. The Our Whole Lives (OWLs) curriculum is a comprehensive sexuality education program that was developed to not only give complete and accurate information about sexuality, but also to allow for discussion about personal values, decision making, relationships and spirituality. It is an excellent opportunity for our kids to get accurate information as well as a place to ask questions and begin to understand sexuality as an important part of who God has made us to be.

We strongly encourage all confirmation students to participate and have scheduled a mandatory parents meeting for Oct 15th from 6-8pm. If you have questions please feel free to call either Cizzarie Schomberg (525-0325) or Kevin Skwira-Brown (728-3079).

5TH AND 6TH GRADE PARENTS

FYI- Please put this on your calendar. We will be offering the 5th-6th grade OWLs curriculum again this year. The Our Whole Lives (OWLs) program is a comprehensive sexuality education program, which provides complete and accurate information in an age appropriate manner. This age group focuses on body changes related to puberty, as well as relational changes as they move from primary school to middle school. It allows for the asking of questions about sexuality as well discussions about peer pressure, dating, media influences and spirituality.

We will be offering it over an 8 week period starting in February. Look for more information as we get closer.



PEACE CHURCH LIBRARY

CHECK IT OUT!

Check out the following new books in the Peace Church Library!

Children/Young Adult: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros; *The Land* by Mildred Taylor; *The New Baby* by Fred Rogers; *Be Kind and Polite* and *Share and Take Turns*, both by Cheri Meiners.

Adult: *The Restless Heart*, (Finding our Spiritual Home in Times of Loneliness) by Ronald Rohiser; *Out of the Garden* (Women Writers on the Bible) edited by Christina Buchmann and Celina Spiegel; *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom; *The Spirit of the Ten Commandments* (Shattering the Myth of Rabbinic Legalism) by Roger Brooks; *Friedman's Fables* by Edwin H. Friedman; *Help My Unbelief* by Fleming Rutledge; *Roget's Thesaurus of the Bible* by A. Colin Day.

*Church School is off
to a great start!*

Thank you to Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick, Amy Larson, Ellen Lindgren, Jen Pearson, Sarah Nelson, Molly Watson, Rachel Peterson, Ingrid Nisswandt, Amy Galarowicz, Pat O'Connell, Diane Swanoski, Robin Davidson, Jesse Schomberg, Carla Langdon-Larson, Cindy Macaulay, Mary Adams, Jonie Langdon-Larson and the High School class for their commitment to our children's education at Peace.

Church School is for all ages!

If you have not registered your children, please pick up a form in the narthex by the bulletin boards. 5th grade and younger join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for our opening celebration. Jr/Sr High go directly to your classrooms. There is nursery care provided for children younger than preschool in the infant nursery in Cornerstone.

PARENTS:

All children 3rd grade and younger need to be picked up from their classrooms no later than 10:25 AM on Sunday mornings. Sunday mornings can get a little crazy and we want all our little children to be safe and accounted for.

Some Sundays to take note of:

Oct 12th—Kid's Choir sings at 10:30 service

Oct 25th—UNICEF Carnival —**Note the new time!** It's a Saturday night from 5 - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Acolyte September schedule

10-5 Brita Larsen, Connor Friday

**10-12 Jackson Manthey,
Jon Marshall**

10-19 Adrianna Mullozzi,

10-26 Lydia Peterson, Allegra Pihlaja



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS FOR ALL AGES!

Adult Ed Menu

SUNDAYS

Adult Forum Every Sunday, 9:30 am, Fireside Room
This year's theme is "The Core Questions of Faith."

MONDAYS

Men's Bible Study 2nd & 4th Monday, 6:30 pm,
Fireside Room
An informal, focused look at lectionary texts for the upcoming week.

Game Night 3rd Monday, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite game and snacks to share!

TUESDAYS

Questions on the Way Every Tuesday, noon,
Fireside Room
An open forum to share thoughts, ideas, questions.

WEDNESDAYS

Peace Church Choir Every Wednesday, 6:15 pm,
Fellowship Hall
For everyone who loves to sing!

Evening Bible Study Every Wednesday, 6 pm, Fire-
side Room
Join Pastor Kathy to read & discuss the Gospel for Sunday.

Women's Bible Study 4th Wednesday, noon, BHC 3rd
Floor Lounge
Bring a lunch; coffee, dessert, study and fellowship provided!

THURSDAYS

Men's Breakfast Every other Thursday, 7 am,
Embers (West Duluth)
All men welcome for casual conversation & good company! (next meeting 9/18)

Reading Writing Reflection 2nd & 4th Thursday, 5
pm, Fireside Room
Share your love for writing, and ideas about writing and life.

Book Group 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Fireside Room
Read & discuss in a small, friendly group. See Peace Bell for current book.

PALS (Peace Adults Learning & Socializing) Last
Thursday of month
All adults welcome! Watch Peace Bell for current program.

FRIDAYS

Movie Night 4th Friday, 7 pm, Fireside Room
Bring beverage, popcorn provided. See Peace Bell for current movie.

SATURDAYS

Women's Spirituality Group 4th Saturday, 9 am,
Fireside Room
All women are invited to come on 9/27 & help shape this group!

*Too many dates to remember?
Check the online calendar at www.peaceucc.org*

Children & Youth Menu

SUNDAYS

Sunday Church School Every Sunday, 9:30 am,
Fellowship Hall
For grades preschool through 12. Begins with opening celebration in Fellowship Hall, then moves to individual classrooms.

Youth Band Two Sundays per month, 11:30 am
We are currently forming a youth band for 6th -12th graders, and we're looking for participants. If interested, contact Jim Pospisil or Cynthia Coffin.

Child Care Every Sunday, 8:30-11:30 am, Nursery
For children 5 years & younger. This year's child care worker is Kelsey Kittridge.

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Group Every Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm,
Youth Room
For 6-12th graders. Opening worship, followed by amazing Bible stories, and ending with food and games.

Kid's Choir Every Wednesday, 5-5:30 pm,
Music Room
For preschool through 5th grade. The Kid's Choir sings in church on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Faith Weavers Every Wednesday, 6-7 pm,
Toddler Room
For kindergarten through 3rd grade. Learn Bible stories through games, crafts, skits, and food.

Peace Puppets Every Wednesday, 6-7 pm,
Lakeview Classroom
For 4th, 5th, and interested 6th graders. Learn how to be a puppeteer and create skits related to Bible stories.

Confirmation Class 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm
Fireside Room
For youth in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Study the Bible together in preparation for becoming a member of the church.

Service Hour Every Wednesday, 6-7 pm,
various locations
All 6th-12th graders in the building during this hour will serve in some way; it may be helping with Faith Weavers or Peace Puppets, cleaning up the kitchen, or participating in youth band or adult choir.

Child Care Every Wednesday, 5-7:30 pm, Nursery
*For children 5 years & younger.
Child care worker is Kelsey Kittridge.*

*For more information about children and youth programs,
contact Cynthia Coffin or Jonie Langdon-Larson
at 218-724-3637*

PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who made it possible to send \$1500 to help the refugees from the fighting in Mindanao. Here is a letter of thanks:

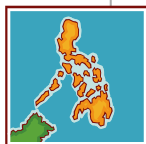
Dear Friends from UCC Peace Church, In behalf of the Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction, we would like to express our great appreciation to UCC Peace Church. We can't begin to express what your support means to the victims of war here in Mindanao. The money is most definitely helpful and will go to extremely good use, there's no doubt about that. But more than the monetary value, UCCP SEMJur greatly appreciate the thought behind the support you have given. War is a burden but your actions have really lightened the load. For that especially, we thank you.

This time has been difficult for us, but knowing we have the support of people like you certainly helps. Please know we won't forget your kind gesture.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Bishop Tante and the UCCP SEMJur Secretariat



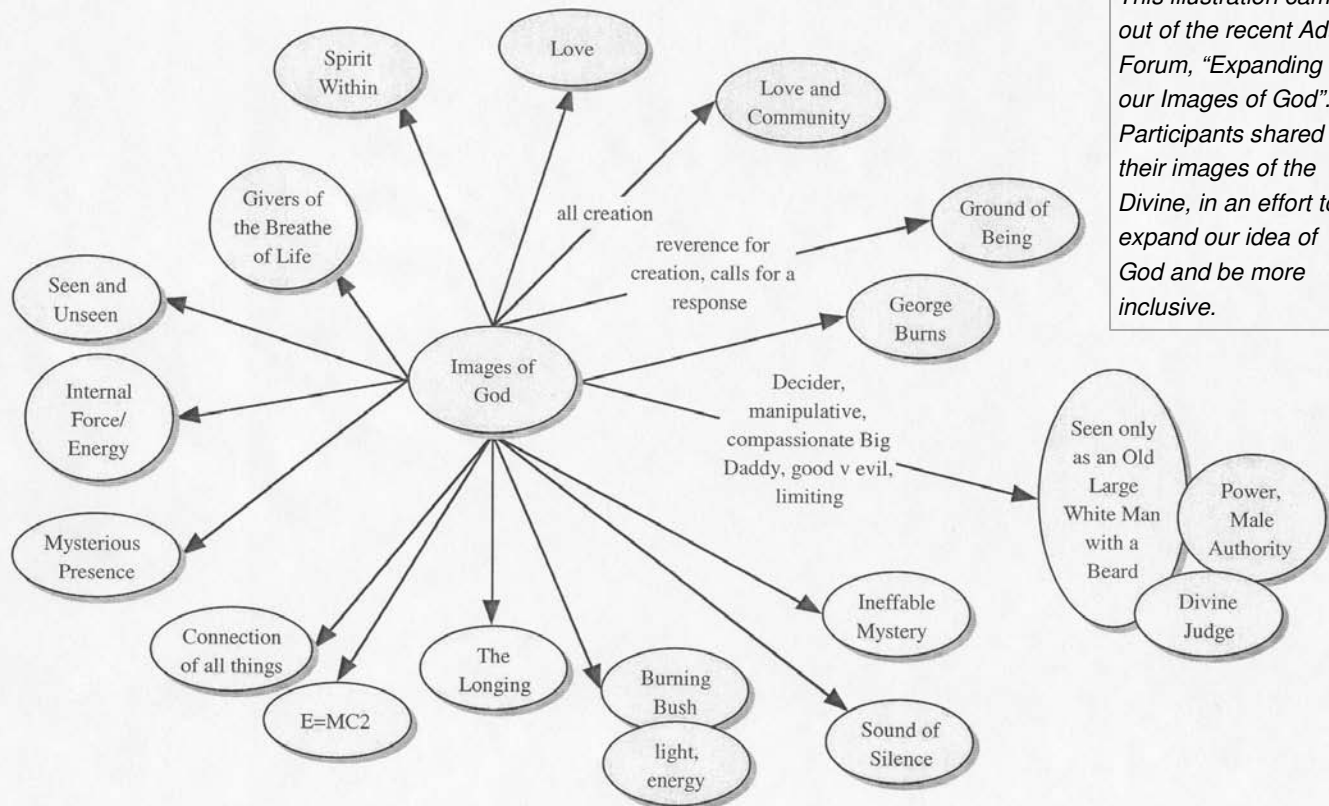
Rev. Marma Urbano

Marma is an Ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), a member of its Central Luzon Conference. She has a long service record with the UCCP. She was Pastor of three local congregations before she served in various Program Coordinator capacities in both the UCCP North Luzon Jurisdictional Area and the UCCP National Secretariat. The last position she held in the UCCP was that of Executive Secretary for Bishop Elmer M. Bolocon, UCCP General Secretary in quadrennia 1998-2006. She was a crucial leader in the formation of UCCP ministries to the poor and marginalized communities in Philippine society. She both conceptualized and implemented these programs.

21 church workers have been killed in the Philippines since 2001, still others were killed, disappeared, abducted or tortured. Most, if not all of these church leaders were involved in ministries that expressed the church prophetic witness among the poor and marginalized sectors of society.

Marma is happily married to Marlon Urbano, a lay leader of the local church in Tayug, Pangasinan (Central Luzon), and has three daughters, MM Jennifer, Marah Amor, and Naya Rosh. Currently she is enrolled at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities under the Diploma for Advanced Theological Studies program.

IMAGES OF GOD – from Adult Forum



This illustration came out of the recent Adult Forum, "Expanding our Images of God". Participants shared their images of the Divine, in an effort to expand our idea of God and be more inclusive.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study, Inquirers Class (Oct. 1) Fireside Room
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds.)



Faith Weavers Kindergarten—3rd Grade Wednesdays 6-7pm

Faith Weavers is an hour of programming on Wednesdays, which focuses on Bible stories through song, crafts, games, creative snack making, drama, journal time, and service. All kindergarten through 3rd grade kids are welcome to join us any time.

Parents and others. . .

We're continually looking for parent help and parent expertise in Faith Weavers. (And it's fun!) I am looking for people to lead F.W. **October 8, November 12, and December 10.** These are Board and Committee nights. Please contact Cynthia.

Parenting Group *Starts again on October 8, 6-7pm*

October 8th Parenting Group to start again! Join Jonie Langdon-Larson from 6-7 PM while your children are in Faith Weavers or the Nursery to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting! Come and help decide what this group wants to become!!! Contact Jonie for more information at Jonie@peaceucc.org

Peace Church Choir

Like to sing? Join us at 6:15pm on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome! Come at 5:30 for dinner and conversation. Jim Pospisil is our director.

CONFIRMATION for all 9th, 10th and 11th Graders

The class will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. We will begin with a youth worship service at 7:00 in the youth room and then move to the music room for class. Bring your Bibles, folders and Affirming Faith Books.

Wednesday, October 1 — God who creates
Wednesday, October 15 — God Seeks
and Saves

Peace Puppets — Wednesday 6-7pm

For people of all ages!

We are having a lot of fun making puppets and practicing for our upcoming shows. Would you like to be part of the group, but can't commit to the whole year? How about one of these ideas:

Musical folks- Puppets love to sing and need a musical adult or older teen come to accompany us on piano or guitar and/or teach us songs to go with our shows.

Artistic folks - Are you artistic? We are looking for adults or older teens to help our puppeteers build a jungle set.

Don't be shy - Our puppeteers are in fourth to sixth grade. If you are older than that, maybe you would like to organize a group to do a puppet show. This means adults too! We have lots of resources!



Peace Puppets meet Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the Lakeview Classroom. Contact Cindy Mclean at 525-3526 or cindy@peaceucc.org

Children's Choir every Wednesday **5 - 5:30pm in the Music Room.**

Are you ready for another fun year of Children's Choir? Drumming, singing, instruments, learning musical notation, and playing games are all in the mix for this year. Cynthia Coffin is back again and wants as many voices as possible. Kindergarten through 5th grade...anyone littler than that needs to be accompanied by a parent. We sing the second Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service.

Faith Weaver Crew: If you are a **6-8th grader**, you are in the crew that will become **FaithWeaver Specialists** this year. If you have interest in being a leader with the younger kids in the congregation during this VERY FUN time on Wednesday nights, contact Cynthia.

NOTE TO PARENTS: There are no programs or supervision for Jr/Sr High youth from **6 – 7 on Wednesday nights**. This time should be spent in service by volunteering with FaithWeavers, Peace Puppets, or cleaning in the kitchen. If your son/daughter is in the building at this time, please encourage them to do one of these activities or arrive at church for Youth Group from 7 – 8:30 pm. Comments or questions? Please contact Cynthia or Jonie.

MODERATOR'S REPORT by Tom Curran, Moderator

We start our council meetings with a meditation, approve last month's minutes, and then we move to our favorite subject, money. Our current contributions are behind our pledged amounts, but the deficit did not increase in August. We are busy planning our 2009 Stewardship Drive and hope everyone will be ready to pledge.

Our busy media would have us think that their news covers all of the important things in life. But here at Peace we know differently. There is that magic of meeting a Peace member out in the real world. There is communal celebration of our joys and sorrows that make us a wondrously awesome church community. And we had over 100 children here on Rally Sunday!

As a church community we have many responsibilities - to our staff and to our maintaining a healthy, environmentally sound, handicapped-accessible building. And we are committed to giving to those less fortunate in our greater community.

A big thanks to those on the building committee for their hard work. Construction is progressing well and we are staying on budget. Be sure to check out the new sanctuary, it looks better each Sunday.

MEN'S BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP



Feeling confident of God's pleasure, as evidenced by the miraculous finding of Mike Schrage's lost glasses in about 4 ½ feet of cold Duncan Lake water, the young seminarian assured his campmates that the very impressive storm they were watching off to the north would skirt their position. That was about when the wall of rain, lighting, and thunder (sounding like God's belly laugh) turned directly towards the camp.

In spite of a first night of good old drenching rain, all participants agreed that the 1st annual Peace Church Men's Canoe Trip was a great time. In addition to Mike (our cook), were: Paul Van Antwerp, Jim Larson, Jayme Hennen, Tom Wilkowske, Steve Horner, Kirby Wood, and Jim McLean. The storm just seemed to be another great experience to add to the great hiking, star-gazing, and paddling the rest of the 3 day weekend provided. Jim Larson's forest knowledge made the trip a learning experience. Mike's cooking was appreciated by all, especially noted when Jayme told him his bottomless pit was full! Tom and Steve's music had Paul and Kirby rockin out! Even the local wildlife were glad they came; just ask the martin that waved goodbye while contentedly lying next to his purloined bag of bagels. Jim McLean

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DISMANTLING RACISM

Sacred Conversations on Race

October 14 & 28

As people of faith and members of the United Church of Christ, we are called to participate in sacred conversations around issues of race and social transformation. The Understanding and Dismantling Racism team of Peace Church will be offering opportunities throughout the coming year to explore the social reality of racism in this country, study the historical, social, and cultural consequences of racism, and acknowledge our need for truthfulness, forgiveness, transformation, and action.

The first series of conversations, "Acknowledging the Legacy of Racism," will examine through personal reflection and storytelling the cultural and structural impact of racism on us as individuals, as well as on our collective society. We hope you will join us on this journey of personal discovery and social transformation.

The first series of conversations will be held on **Tuesday evenings, October 14 and October 28**, beginning at 5:30, with a light meal, and ending at 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided, with related activities for children. Transportation can be provided. Please sign up or call to RSVP to help our meal planning, and to make arrangements for child care and transportation.

Thursday, November 6, at 5:30 pm
Film — "The Color of Fear"

Join Circles of Support (of Community Action Duluth) and other Peace members, in the Fellowship Hall to have a light meal and view the documentary, "The Color of Fear." The filmmaker, Victor Lewis, will be speaking at Denfeld High School on November 11.

SEEDS OF PEACE

SEEDS OF PEACE — The committee met in August and again in September. We have been discussing how to utilize the donations that the church has received so far towards the micro-loan effort. Over \$2000 has been given with pledges nearing another \$1500. This will be matched over the next 3 years with another \$3500.

In our discussions, the consensus of the committee was that we preferred exploring smaller organizations to send money to rather than larger ones where we would have less connection to how our money was used. The two smaller organizations we have been looking at are the CDCA in Nicaragua and the Mediatrix Members Cooperative in Mindanao, a credit union founded by a priest in the late 1980's, where our friend Tibo is a member and where they do extensive work in micro-loans to the disadvantaged.

We decided to send out our first money to the CDCA in Nicaragua. \$750 will be given in the form of a 0% interest loan, \$250 will be as a donation. Lyn Clark-Pegg contacted CDCA to give them the news. We will be working on making arrangements to send the money. The loan agreement will have to be approved by the council.

A recent email to the credit union in Mindanao that we had previous communications with has not received a response. This may be due to the war that has broken out in that area.

Another promising possibility, though, is through an organization called Kiva, where you can fund specific projects. We will be looking at some of the opportunities they have and considering them at our next committee meeting. We will also be directing some money to the Sustainable Communities program of One Great Hour of Sharing. We will decide on an initial amount at our October meeting.

If you would like to make a pledge or donation to the Seeds of Peace fund, there are pledge forms and envelopes at the Philippines display in the narthex. If you've already made a pledge, please use those envelopes to turn in donations. Make your check to Peace Church with "Seeds of Peace" as the designation. If you have questions, please contact the church office or Charley Kendall at 341-6698 or at kendall6@charter.net

GLBT EVENTS

GLBT Potluck!

Monday October 20 from 6-7:30! All GLBT members and friends of Peace Church join in the Fireside room for a pot-luck dinner, worship and discussion of how Peace can continue to be an ongoing support for you! Let's talk about resurrecting an ongoing GLBT bible study/worship/support group for each other! For more info connect with Jonie! Jonie@peaceucc.org or call 525-4127!

Sixth annual Come 'on OUT Fall Potluck!

October 12th 5-8 PM All GLBT people and allies are welcome out to the country (Jonie and Carla's house) for an evening of celebrating who we are! Gather around the camp-fire to tell your stories, sing songs, meet new people... maybe even have some s'mores! Family friendly for sure! Bring your lawn chair and swim-suit for those interested in hot-tubbing!! Contact Jonie for more information Jonie@peaceucc.org or 525-4127.

Since my last Peace Bell article, the school year has begun, and with it, an increased pace of life. I find myself spending a lot of time in the car—commuting to the Twin Cities twice a week. I find myself turning pages quickly to keep up with the reading lists, and glued to the computer, composing essays on weekly class themes. My eyes have shifted from squinting in the summer sun to brown-knitting determination as I work through my daily "to do" list. It is my last year of Seminary, and I ask for your prayers and support.

I've also begun my year-long internship at Pilgrim UCC. While I'm excited for this opportunity to gather new experiences and skills, it also means that I am only worshipping with you one Sunday per month. I will miss our time of worship together, but just as much, I will miss that period of fellowship after the service when we have the time to share our lives with one another.

It helps me remember the core of the work that I'm doing here in small group ministries. As a church, we develop these programs and share our interests so that we thrive as a Christian community beyond our Sunday worship, into the rest of our week... the rest of our lives. Some of our programs, such as our Monday and Wednesday Bible Studies and Questions Along the Way, have an ostensible spiritual emphasis, and are intent on helping us develop a lived spirituality, but other times, we simply gather to acknowledge each other's humanity. We gather to play games, share breakfast, read and write and sing and watch movies and canoe and ... enjoy each other's company.

During my seminary classes, I receive the necessary stimulus to equip me in theological inquiry and ministry, but it is those car rides afterwards, the long ride home, when I translate these ideas into the reality of my life — when I think of sharing my spiritual life with all of you, and put the human face on my faith: this great group of people who gather and play and laugh and think and share.

Hopefully, my increased absence on Sunday mornings will not mean that I lose touch with you. Hopefully, the programs that we have developed here encourage us all to gather during the rest of the week, to share our lives, our faith, our friendship. God bless us all as our lives, like the seasons, keep changing.

Paul VanAntwerp, Small Group Ministries

Nutrition 101

As the school year starts, we all have new things to learn (or relearn, as the case may be).

One thing that we, as a food consuming public, need to **relearn**, is portion sizes of common foods. Increasing portion size in restaurants and prepackaged foods as well as decreased physical exercise is leading us to what many have called an epidemic of obesity, particularly for our children. The portions at many restaurant (particularly fast food) can exceed serving size by as much as 8 times. Prepackaged foods that look like a standard portion are sometime 2 or more servings. Most of us don't have the time or inclination to weigh or measure all our food, but here are some easy guidelines to follow for common food choices. For a fun visual reminder of this information, you can go to

hp2010.nhlbihin.net/portion/servcard7.pdf.

GRAIN PRODUCTS

1 cup of cereal flakes = fist

1 pancake = compact disc

½ cup of cooked rice, pasta, or potato = ½ baseball

1 slice of bread = cassette tape

1 piece of cornbread = bar of soap

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

1 cup of salad greens = baseball

1 baked potato = fist

1 med. fruit = baseball

½ cup of fresh fruit = ½ baseball

¼ cup of raisins = large egg

DAIRY AND CHEESE

1½ oz. cheese = 4 stacked dice or 2 cheese slices

½ cup of ice cream = ½ baseball

FATS

1 tsp. margarine or spreads = 1 dice

MEAT AND ALTERNATIVES

3 oz. meat, fish, and poultry = deck of cards

3 oz. grilled/baked fish = checkbook

2 Tbsp. peanut butter = ping pong ball

RECYCLING PEACE

➤ **Babysitter needed:** Katie Hawley Augusta is looking for a sitter for her 15 month old and 4 year old from 7-3pm on sundays. Call her if interested—722-2467

PEACE PEOPLE



THANK YOU

- To Aidan and Dan Fitzpatrick for drumming and singing on Rally Sunday.
- Thanks to the choir, and the praise team for great music in September.
- "Dear Friends at Peace Church, Thank you for all you have done for us at this hard time of our lives. For all the prayers and the food you have given to us. They say our house will be ready to move into by Thanksgiving. Thank you and God Bless you! Love in Christ, Deloris Thompson and Lowell Oseland"
- From the Northland Chapter of Grandmothers for Peace: "Thank you for the use of your facility. God bless you for all you do for social justice in the community."

CONGRATULATIONS

- Jayden Samuels, son of Amy and Jeff, who was baptized on Sunday, September 28th.
- Dorrie Godden on the birth of her great granddaughter, Monica on September 18th.
- Alex Kinney, son of Beth and Kevin, who was baptized at Peace Church on Saturday, September 27th. Beth and Kevin also renewed their wedding vows as they celebrated their 10th anniversary.
- Dan Shepherd and Lisa Williams who were married on September 20th. Dan is our part time custodian.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Beuhler Bongey, Cynthia Strauman and Lorraine Anderson, who were all hospitalized in September.
- Grace Springsteele, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Wes Severson, dealing with back pain.
- Mary Martin, recovering from surgery.

WELCOME

Welcome to Sally and Stewart Hunter, the new Owners of Cornerstone Day Care Center (Cornerstone leases space in our building). We are excited to have Sally and Stewart as our new tenants. They are hoping to do a lot of sprucing up of the Day care/Sunday School area — cleaning, throwing, painting. They also understand that our kids at times might touch or play with some of their materials, and they are fine with this. Welcome!

WEAR A SWEATER!

Peace Church, being ahead of the curve, decided to get the sticker shock over with for the heating season. In September, we received news that our fuel bill will go from \$939/month to \$2239/month. You'll probably hear more about that from the Stewardship Committee in terms of our finances, but from the property committee, we are also looking at how we can reduce our energy use. Part of that is our improvements in insulation and windows, but we're also looking at lowering the heat in the church. We haven't figured out exactly what temperature we will be setting it to, but it will be lower than last year. So, do your part and wear sweaters and long underwear. Bring blankets to church and revel in the warmth of our community.

Art Exhibit - Our Sisters and Our Brothers

See this Latin American photo exhibit on display at Starbucks in downtown Duluth. Lyn Clark Pegg collected the photos while on Witness for Peace delegations. Steve Coll was the curator of the exhibit.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY!

1 Doris Godden	18 Marlene Sipila
Sarah Peterson	Mollie Stapleton
Craig Peterson	Clark
4 Sue Betz	Gregg Nugent
Barb Hanka	19 Katy Schmidt
Seth Hoffman	Emily Biske
5 Darrell Cran	19 Wes Severson
Jesse Schomberg	20 Rorie Arnold
Heather Blood	21 Mina Hubert
6 Jen Stenersen	22 Kay Stevens
7 George Bowen	Nam Provost
Tiffany Langdon-	Tammy Fox
Larson	Jenny Ahern
8 Beth Caven	23 Becky Hamsher
9 Lorri Mitchell	Chris Aas-Larson
11 Alison Wood	25 Kathy Bray
12 Karen Morgan	Carla Stegmann
Susan Soule	26 Chris Peterson
Erin Blood	Isaac Wilkowske
13 Micade Devlin	27 Sydnie Stackland
Joan Hendrickson	Erin DeWitt
Mary Jo Youngstrom	28 Diana Hanka
Bob Montgomery	Cedar Webster
15 Hallie Davis	31 Peggy Maske
17 Gabriel Zaun	

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committees and Teams meet on **Weds. October 8th**.
Dinner is served at 5:30 and meetings begin at 6pm

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tues. October 21** at 7 pm
in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

COMMUNITY

Spirituality and Work

12th Annual Spirituality Conference Mitchell Auditorium at St. Scholastica

Friday, October 24, 2008, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 2008, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to reflect on the sacredness of work in its many expressions. Please join us as we explore connections between the co-creative work of our souls and the work of all creation.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Andre L. Delbecq

“Vocation, Passion and My Work”

“Spirituality, Power and Work”

15 concurrent workshops

Music by: Duluth singer/songwriter **Sara Thomsen, Richie Townsend** and **Kathy McTavish**

Cost: \$35.00 (includes refreshments)

Scholarships and Continuing Education contact hours available

Registration available on-line at:

www.css.edu/spirituality.xml or call 218-723-7000

Registration deadline: October 22, 2008

First Annual Dr. Nancy English

5k Memorial Run/Walk on November 15th

Quite a few people at Peace Church knew Dr. Nancy English, who passed away very suddenly of natural causes at age 57 in August. The 5k memorial run will celebrate her life, and all proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund for women going back to school in medicine. For more info, the website is www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com or call Eve Stein.

CHUM NEEDS...

Family Shelter: Dish soap, size 4 diapers and hair brushes.

Nurse Clinic: The CHUM FUND which helps with medication co-pays on a limited basis is almost out of money! For more info or to make a donation, contact Sherri at sflesness@chumduluth.org or 740-2487.

Food Shelf: Plastic grocery bags, canned fruit, canned corn, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, peanut butter, side dishes (rice, pasta), spaghetti sauce.

2009 Rhubarb Festival: Need canning jars, all sizes, and lids. We will be making jams and juices in September with the frozen rhubarb which was donated. Please call Mary at 720-6521 or drop off at CHUM.

Puzzle Peace Interfaith Kid's Choir

PUZZLE PEACE is the Northland Interfaith Youth Choir for preschool to middle school kids. Grades 6-7-8 are welcome to become Team Leaders.

Beginning **October 12**, the choir will rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays every month, from 2-3pm at PEACE UCC Church. Time includes gathering, singing and snacks/socializing! Commitment is important AND family-friendly. Emphasis is on PEACE and building community and compassion for one another through our multi-cultural music. For more info, contact director Cyndi Gritzmacher at 728-9774. Sponsored by the Arrowhead Interfaith Council.

From Cynthia: This is a great opportunity for our children to meet other children from different faith communities in Duluth. There are usually one or two rehearsals followed by a performance at different community events through out the year. Children can participate in just one or all of the performances. If you are interested in more info contact Cynthia Coffin.

Inside-out: A writing class for those who have lost a loved one

Sponsored by Lake Superior Writers

Facilitated by: Deborah Cooper, Chaplain & Poet

Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 20— 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Finding words for our grief & giving voice to it can be an avenue for healing, a way of recovering our balance & deepening our understanding. The act of writing engages us in a process of expressing our heart's truth, a process that can offer insight, light & resolution.

Held at the Marshall School Annex, 1301 Rice Lake Road, Duluth MN 55811.

\$60 for members of Lake Superior Writers, \$75 for non-members. For more information call: 218-728-2097

George Winston Concert

October 9 at Sacred Heart

Food Drive for CHUM Food Shelf

Please support CHUM Food Shelf by attending the concert and bringing a donation of non-perishable food. Get more info on the concert by calling Sacred Heart Music Center or go to sacredheartmusic.org.

CHUM Church is seeking people to teach Christian education classes to adults with developmental disabilities at Peace Church from 3 to 3:45pm one Sunday a month – September through May. Curriculum/lesson plans and training are provided. Please contact Meg, 720.6570, megkearns@chumduluth.org

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 5 Essie Geiger, Annie Rupert, Erin DeWitt
- 12 Jessica Olson, Mariah Berner, Stacy Stark
- 19 Amanda Pfau, Mary Adams, Lisa Brown
- 26 Amy Galarowicz or Susan Kehtel, Angie O'Connell, Hannah Carpenter

Ushers

- 5 Bob and Rene Montgomery, Cindy Macaulay, Tanya Jackson
- 12 Jen Pearson, Craig Peterson, Susan Ranfranz, Steve Coll
- 19 Hubert family, Julie MacKenzie
- 26 Goltz family, Nettie Bothwell, Cheryl Walsh

Greeters

- 5 Todd and Lori Lind
- 12 Nettie Bothwell, Barb Kehtel
- 19 Daniel and Jane Ward
- 26 Wes and Joan Severson

Lay Readers

- 5 Marsha Hystead
- 12 Holly Bowen-Bailey
- 19 Jerry Cleveland
- 26 Jane Rupel



8:30 Communion Bread



- 5 Jerry Cleveland
- 12 Terese Tomanek
- 19 McLeans
- 26 Linda Goese

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday October 12

- 1:30 pm: Phyllis and Scott Mead, Jayme Hennen, Denise Perry
- 4:30 pm: Melissa Kadlec family, Patrick Boyle, Pat Sjoding

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 6 Brian Graff
- 13 Cathy Dziuk
- 20 Lyn Clark Pegg
- 17 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 **October schedule** is below, as well as the **November 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 coffee hour serving the last few months? 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.

October Coffee Hour

Coordinators: Jerry Cleveland & Marge Anderson, 724-4391
Sharon Crosby, 624-5582

October 5

Communion Set up-Pam Jakubiak
Set up/Serve-Cammy & Shawn Hanson

Set up/Serve-Barb Kehtel
Serve/Clean up-Bev & Dave Cave
Serve/Clean up-Peter Barnett

October 12

Set up/Serve-Harriet Crofts
Set up-Vivian & Jim Gangl
Serve/Clean up-Sarah Engebretson
Serve/Clean up-Williamson-Whites

October 19

Set up/Serve-Shari Marshik
Set up/Serve-Njoki Kamau
Serve/Clean up-Sarah Jessico
Serve/Clean up-Ingrid Nisswandt/Chris Larsen

October 26

Set up/Serve-Chris & Jay Sandal
Set up/Serve-Mike Schrage
Serve/Clean up-Kathy Bray
Serve/Clean up-Justin & Jessica Olson

Coming up — November

Coordinators: Laurie Berner, 525-3670; Jim Johnson & Barb Hanka, 724-6352

Dave Winchester & Beth Bartlett, 525-0139

Alison Wood & Julie Flotten, 724-5690

Julia Cheng, 722-2487

Dennis Crumb, 728-4444

Dick & Jan Eschbach, 721-3879

Caroline Harris, 728-5469

Mike & Jen Hudyma, 624-1512

Tom & Pat Isbell, 724-3326

Charlie & Pat Kendall, 724-2793

Cindy Martins, 728-2733

Kyle Elden & Aaron Molina, 341-6114

Ruth Olson, 727-1597

Beth Wallin & Warren Post, 590-6442

Peggy Skylondz, 395-9271

Jim Soderberg, 724-0716

Jean Thoennes, 724-0097

Ken & Mary Wergeland, 724-4923

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Youth Ministries: Jonie Langdon-Larson
Music Director: Jim Pospisil
Small Group Ministries: Paul Van Antwerp
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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