



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Peace Bell

DULUTH MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON, PASTOR ~ AUGUST 2009

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 3-7 at PEACE CHURCH

This year's theme is CROCODILE DOCK

*Welcome to the Bayou!  
Come dive into the Bible Stories!*



All children pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. We gather from 9 to noon each day and pack in the fun! Crafts, singing, outside games, Bible stories, and science adventures are all part of each day. We'll be teaming up with Pilgrim Congregational this year. There is a \$15 per child fee to cover materials. Scholarships and family rates are available. See registration form on the insert page—if you haven't yet registered your child, please call the office, and fill out the form to bring in with your child on the first day.

### SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd

#### Help us Decorate the Church for VBS

We need hands to help make Peace Church look like a swamp! Stay for the picnic after church on August 2nd and then help decorate for VBS.

### Intergenerational Event

#### Bike/Skate/Ride on Munger Trail! Saturday, August 22nd

Come join your church community for a day of bicycling! Meet at Peace at 9am to carpool, or meet us at the Munger Trailhead in West Duluth at 10am. We'll bike down to Carlton, enjoy lunch together, and bike back (Approx. 28 miles round trip — the ride back is mostly downhill). A shuttle service will be available in Carlton for one-way riders. There'll be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Don't forget to bring a lunch, water, and a helmet!

#### John Ameal's "Bike Checking Service"

Sunday, August 16th, 11:45

Have a bike in uncertain condition? Come have a professional look at it! John Ameal will offer his bicycle inspection services after worship on August 16th, outside the fellowship hall. Thanks John!



## Outdoor Worship, Church Picnic and Jello Contest Sunday, August 2nd

Our annual outdoor worship will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a picnic immediately after the service. It's a potluck, with chicken, rolls, and beverages provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The service will be out back, with a large tent providing shade. Dining will be indoors or out at your preference.

### *Back by popular demand— the church picnic Jello Contest!*



Nothing says old-fashioned church picnic better than a Jello salad. But you don't have to limit yourself to the traditional. You can also use Jello as an art medium and create a work of art. The Peace Church Jello Contest welcomes all entries in any category. Prizes galore, including for kids' entries. Church celebrities will serve as judges, bestowing Jello-art awards and performing blindfolded taste-testing of all edible entries. Don't miss the fun of entering or observing!

### HELP IS NEEDED FOR TENT SET-UP AT 7:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING!



Call the office if you can help.

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## FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

Photos for our new picture directory have been arriving at the church office. They are so fun to look at – pictures of people, kids and dogs, young and old folks. We have over 180 households with photos so far. You all look good. (We will have another make-up day in August for any of you who weren't able to make it to the previous sessions.) It will be great to have a new directory so that we can truly welcome one another.

Welcome! The root of "well" means "wellness" or "well-being". "Come" finds its roots in an Old English word "comer," that is, one who arrives or, perhaps closer to the Greek, one who is received. Thus "welcome" can offer in its earliest sense an invitation to come and be well, or to be well in coming. It is an invitation to be received into the goodness of a place.

Welcoming is deeply a part of us as people of faith. As Dr. Trace Haythorn wrote in the online devotion, *Day 1*:

"For Jews and Christians, such hospitality has always been a part of who we are. The call to welcome the stranger is anchored in the Torah and was a part of the measure of the Hebrew community's faithfulness to God. When a traveler came to town, they waited by the well, and it was incumbent upon the townspeople to house and feed the visitor for the night.

The Apostle Paul reminded the Romans to offer hospitality to the alien, and in the Letter to the Hebrews the people were reminded to show hospitality to all, for in so doing some entertained angels unaware. In Acts, the early deacons practiced hospitality throughout the community, bringing welcome to those in need. And in Matthew's community, hospitality still measured the faithfulness of the people. Welcoming prophets, righteous ones and disciples (those whom Matthew called "little ones") was a disciplined practice of the young churches."

While it may seem counter-intuitive, discipline is the key to faithful hospitality. In her book *Amazing Grace*, Kathleen Norris tells the story of a nun who, although she has Alzheimer's, still asks to be rolled in her wheelchair to the door of her nursing home so she can greet every guest. Said one nun of her sister in ministry, "She is no longer certain what she is welcoming people to...but hospitality is so deeply ingrained in her that it has become her whole life".

Opening Doors is the first part of our motto. We too need to be intentional about greeting our guests, every guest. Jesus words echo in our heads, "Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me . . . and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me. . ."

God calls us to be a people of radical hospitality . . . to welcome all people, people with hope and faith, people in times of doubt and struggle. I love Wednesday mornings at the Chum Drop-In Center—we make pancakes and cook up whatever is left over, and share the food and conversation with the guests at the Drop. We are hoping to create an intentional way to get to know one another better—client and church volunteer, through the sharing of stories, using learnings from "This I Believe."

Taking time to get to know one another is so good for us all. I remember one particular Wednesday last year when after breakfast I found the cardboard box of bibles and sat down with a small group. We read from Psalm 13, "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?" One man at the table commented – "that guy is having a rough day".

Yep, but not afraid to speak it to God. The psalm doesn't end with lament, the psalm moves to hope. "But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." I then asked the group, "What song are you carrying in your heart?" And one man sang out . . . "I am stuck on bandaid, cause bandaid's stuck on me."

That song was stuck in my head all week. But a stranger became a friend, we are stuck with one another, stuck together, called to care.

Let us be a welcoming people and may it be well with you all. Enjoy the rest of summer!

## SUNDAYS in AUGUST

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

### **Sunday, August 2** – Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 1 – 16 and John 6: 23 – 35

Sermon: Bread of Life – Pastor Kathy preaching

This morning we will worship and share communion together in our back yard under our big yellow tent, and then share in a potluck picnic. Chicken, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Do something creative with Jello and enter the contest!

Music this morning will be provided by the Hootenany Group. Practice is the Friday night before (July 31). Contact Paul Van Antwerp for more details about being a part of this group.

### **Sunday, August 9**

Scripture: Psalm 130

Sermon: "Singing and Faith" Paul Winchester will be preaching.

At 10:30 this morning Paul Winchester and Phil Hubert will lead our music. We have a special time to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sergei and Diana Hanka's adoption, with music by Wild by Nature, and cake at our coffee hour. And we will celebrate the baptisms of Nykki Shrake and Isaac Ballmer.

### **Sunday, August 16**

Scripture: John 6: 51 – 58 and I Kings 2: 10 – 12 and 3: 3 – 17

This morning Terese Tomanek, member of Peace Church and United Campus Minister at UMD, will be our preacher.

### **Sunday, August 23**

Lyn Pegg will be our guest preacher this morning at both services. She will share some experiences and insights from her most recent trip to Colombia with Witness for Peace.

### **Sunday, August 30**

Scripture: James 1: 17 – 27 and Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14- 15 and 21- 23

Sermon: "Be Love" with Pastor Kathy preaching

### **Celebrate with Kelly and Erik**

A reception celebrating the marriage of Kelly Larson and Erik Lundberg will be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday Aug 30th. All are welcome.

### **US Congregational Life Survey**

Last fall our congregation participated in a survey along with 2,000 other congregations. 128 people from Peace Church completed this survey in September. We have our results in 10 areas of congregational life. The council will review these in August and find ways to share this with the larger congregation and build them into our long range plans. We can be very proud of our strengths and we are already addressing some of our growth areas through the associate pastor position that will focus on small group ministries.

#### **Peace UCC scored in the top 20% of all congregations surveyed in these areas:**

\*Caring for Young People (ministry for children and youth one of the most valued aspects of congregation)

\*Focusing On Community (involved with social service or advocacy groups through the congregation, social justice a valued aspect of congregational life)

\*Empowering Leadership (minister takes into account ideas of worshipers to a great extent, good match between congregation and pastor, people inspired to take action)

\*Looking to the Future (clear vision, moving in new directions, excited about congregation's future)

#### **We were above 50% of all congregations in these areas:**

\*Meaningful Worship

\*Welcoming New Worshipers (number of people in survey who began attending congregation in last 5 years was 39%)

Areas of Growth for us include:

\*Growing Spiritually (private devotions, bible study, prayer ministry)

\*Participating Congregation (attend worship weekly, regularly give 5% or more of net income)

\*Having a Sense of Belonging (close friends in the congregation)

\*Sharing Faith (involved in evangelism, seek opportunities to talk about one's faith)

### **Time to Sign up for Summer Music!**

We are looking for volunteers to provide special music during our 8:30 worship services in August. You can sing or play an instrument. A sign up sheet is posted outside the office or feel free to call or email to sign up. This music is so important to our worship of God.

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Peace Church Hootenanny (and Campout!)

Friday August 28th at 7pm  
Joel and Daina Rosen's home  
in Mahtowa (near Cloquet)

Joel and Daina have opened up their home and land for our Hootenanny this month. Come to Joel and Daina's (2204 County Road 7, Mahtowa, MN) for an evening of folk music—then pitch a tent to stay the evening! (We might call this the 1st Annual Peace Church Folk Festival). Please contact Paul VanAntwerp with questions. Remember: all skill levels are welcome. Bring the family! Wallflowers encouraged! *Note: If you'd like to be put on the Hootenanny email list, please contact paul@peaceucc.org.*



### Peace Church Softball

One more game of the regular season (**August 4th, 7pm UMD Field #2**) then it's time for the playoffs! (Dates/Times TBA). Come cheer your fellow Peace athletes, and watch them perform amazing feats of hitting and catching (we've been pretty good recently—really!).



### Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!

August 12 & 26

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 at 10 am.

### Men's Breakfast—August 6 & 20

Join us at Duluth Grill (27<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.) every other Thursday at 7am for breakfast and casual conversation.

### Men's Bible Study

Mondays, August 10 & 24 at 6:30pm

Join us in the Fireside Room as we focus on the upcoming week's lectionary passages. Paul Van Antwerp facilitates this group. *Note: if you'd like to receive the lectionary passages early for review, please send a note to Paul to be put on the mailing list. <paulvanantwerp@gmail.com>*

Peace Bell Articles  
are due on the 20th!

### Just Peace / Christian Service Picnic

Sunday August 30th at 4pm

All who are interested in our social ministry teams are invited to a picnic in Pastor Kathy's back yard on Sunday, August 30th at 4 pm to plan / calendar for the upcoming year around our outreach efforts. We have many teams doing great work: Dismantling Racism, Philippine Partnership, Open and Affirming, Seeds of Peace— Economic Development, Environment and Energy, and Just Peace with a focus on Poverty (working with CHUM) and Peacemaking. We also now have Tom and Monica Liddle as Global Ministry Missionaries in East Timor. Let's gather and talk about how all these teams can work together and inform one another about this ongoing work that makes us such a vital congregation.



### Small Groups

Fall Groups are forming! If you have an idea for a small group theme or activity, or would like more information on one of our groups, please contact Paul Van Antwerp: 349-0143, <paul@peaceucc.org>

### Wednesday Bible Study

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

By popular demand, we are continuing our Wednesday evening Bible Studies through the summer. Please join Paul or Kathy in the Fireside Room as we explore the week's lectionary and how it intersects with our faith formation, experience, and understanding of scripture.

### PALS — Thursday August 20

(Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

Picnic at the Goese's home

We will also plan our program for the next year.  
More detail will follow in the near future.

### Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

After a summer break, our next meeting will be the 4th Wednesday in September.

### "Voices of Vision"

Worship and Choirs Concert at St. Marks  
AME Church on Saturday, August 22 at 6 pm

Our congregation has been invited by Gabe Green, the new music director at St. Marks AME Church, to be part of a Worship and Praise service. Let Jim Pospisil know if you would like to come and sing — let's join our voices together with theirs!

## YOUTH & PARENTS

*Hey Youth Group! 'Tis the last month of summer! Did you enjoy? Join our crew as we squeeze every bit of summer out of this month with bonfires and beaches and biking! I'm looking forward to the month ahead...See you there! Paul*

### Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

#### **August 3rd – 7th For Church and Community: Crocodile Dock!**

Join us in the mornings all week to help out with Vacation Bible School

**Note: No Wednesday Youth Group this week, Aug. 5.**

#### **August 9-10 For Fun:**

##### **Kayaking/Camping in Bayfield**

I can't wait to swim and paddle and see the shipwreck! Couldn't make it this year? There's always next year!

#### **August 12th For World and For Fun: The Big Pond**

We live beside the largest body of fresh water in the world. What does the "Big Pond" mean to you? How have others understood it? We'll head down to Park Point to get to know the lake better. (Bring your swimsuits! I'll jump in if you do!)

#### **August 19th For Church and For Fun:**

##### **Bonfire Wisdom**

There's a long tradition of wisdom being passed around the fire. Julie, Allison, and Ben will host a bonfire for us! We'll play some games, share our thoughts about youth group and church, and dream up some great ideas for the fall.

#### **August 22nd (Saturday) For Fun:**

##### **Bike and Skate on the Munger Trail**

Let's gather for a ride on the Munger Trail! (See details under "Intergenerational Event" on the front page).

#### **August 23rd (Sunday) For Church:**

##### **Peace Helping Peace**

Elaine Augustad, a senior member of our church, has a new home and needs some help moving in! Let's all pitch in to lend a hand to this wonderful member of our church community! She's treating us to pizza. (See details page 8, Peace Helping Peace).

#### **Aug 26th – 27th For Fun: Junior High Retreat**

It's not too late to sign up for our Junior High Retreat! This is a great way for our newer members of the crew to get to know each other! See details on the side of this page.

**Note: No Wednesday Youth Group this week.**

### Youth Group Special Events!

Sunday, August 2nd

#### **All-church Picnic and Outdoor Worship! (And VBS setup party)**

We'll be worshipping outside and picnicking with the rest of the church. I think it's time to have some fun! We'll also be putting the finishing touches on our VBS "Crocodile Rock!" decorations.

#### August, 9th -10th Youth Group

##### **Kayaking and Camping Trip**

We will leave after worship on Sunday, August 9, and head over to Bayfield, Wisconsin. We will stop on the way for a swim and picnic at Cornucopia and then on to Bayfield to camp overnight. On Monday morning we will go to Living Adventures Kayaking. They will guide our group out to a shipwreck. They will provide kayaks and instruction.



Cost of the trip is \$50. Pastor Kathy and Paul VanAntwerp will be the leaders. **Call the office ASAP to reserve your spot.**

#### **August 26th - 27th Junior High Retreat at Pearson/Butterfield's Cabin**

Swim, Water-ski, Paddle and Play!

Brenda and Bill have a great cabin with loads of fun stuff to do. We'll leave on Wednesday at 9am and be back on Thursday by 5pm. This is a great way for our new Junior High crew to get to know each other and start the Youth Group year off right!

Cost is \$10 (scholarships available). Sign up at the church, or call/write Paul with questions: 349-0143, [paulvanantwerp@gmail.com](mailto:paulvanantwerp@gmail.com)



August finds me, I must admit, spending a lot of time looking toward Fall. From the standpoint of the seasons, I find myself possessed with a bit of urgency to squeeze every bit of summer out of this last warm month. I'll hike just a little further, or paddle the canoe around one more peninsula. In August, I tend not to dabble on the edge of the lake, rather take one deep breath and jump in.

From the standpoint of ministry, August finds me excited about upcoming Fall programming. August is the time to daydream and brainstorm. I find myself asking: "What can I do to help this Christian community better connect with one another?" "What can I do to help people nurture their spirituality? Better understand their Christian roots? Discern their unique way God is dwelling within them, and discern their missional call to service?"

This is no solitary venture, however, and "programming" is only as good as the collective energy we share when we gather. The more I engage the idea of Christian ministry, the more I am convinced that the core of Christianity—the core of this institution's engagement with Jesus—is nurturing the abundant love and peace of life *as community*. In his book *Deeply Woven Roots* (Fortress, 1997), Gary Gunderson writes: *...[F]aith is not something to "have," only an identity, a body of ideas to agree with, a brand of worship. It is more accurate to speak of being "of a faith" that moves us toward a sense of belonging, of participating in ways that are not exhausted by words or even rituals.*

It is, indeed, a joy to feel that "sense of belonging"—and I pray that every one of you may learn to feel that, as I have, at Peace Church. It is also a joy when I see somebody push their faith a little further, step around that next unexplored corner of their lives. It takes only one good idea, and a bit of motivation, to get a small group or activity going here at Peace Church—and you know that I'm behind you! As I said to our confirmands on our retreat in early spring: "I'll jump in (Lake Superior) if you do!" Friends, let's take that deep breath, stand at the edge of our faith as a community, and jump in.

Peace friends,  
Paul

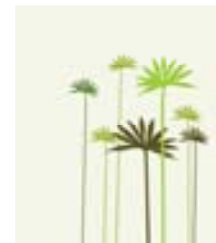


The Search Committee has been meeting monthly, and we are excited about the task ahead of us. We developed and completed our Church Profile and posted it in the beginning of July. Already, we have received a number of applications. During our meeting in July, we met with Associate Conference Minister Rick Wagner, who helped us learn how to most effectively read these profiles and prepare to begin the discernment process for who might be the best candidate for our congregation. We look forward to that discussion taking place in August, and expect that our meetings will become more frequent as we move into the phases of determining which candidates will move into the next phases of the search process.

If you have any questions regarding the Search Committee process, you can talk to any of the members of the committee (listed below.) It is important to keep in mind that any information related to applications is confidential, so while we can talk about the process and how that is going, we are not in the position to discuss who has applied or what their qualifications are. We look forward to getting to that point where we can share our recommendation with the congregation, but we are not there yet.

The members of the Search Committee are:

Leanne Ventrella, Co-Chair  
Doug Bowen-Bailey, Co-Chair  
Kathy Bray  
Dean Fox  
Susan Goltz  
Susan Isernhagen  
Cindy Macaulay  
Pat O'Connell  
Alan Peterson  
Nick Zeitler



*Thanks to all of you for the time and effort you are giving to this committee's work!*

### Summertime Giving!

As with the arrival of summer in previous years, we face a crunch for cash—we are at least \$10,000 behind in pledges. The bills keep coming even though fewer of us are in church regularly. **Please keep up with your pledge. And thanks to all of you who have kept up or caught up!**

Consider using the automatic transfer option that is available. On a date you specify, your pledge payment can be transferred automatically from an account you choose to the church account. You can begin this at any time, as well as stop it at any time. If enough would do this, we could avoid this annual fair weather problem. Contact the church office if you'd like to set this up. ~ Dick Goese, treasurer

*If you'd like to help out with our pledge drive in the fall, let Pastor Kathy know.*

## WEDNESDAYS IN THE FALL

*Looking Ahead! Wednesday Activities begin on September 9*

### CONFIRMATION

*Calling All Ninth and Tenth Graders*

We have a great group of youth and an exciting year planned for you, with class on the **first and third Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**. There will be at least 28 youth in our class.

We will also have retreats and a Summer Trip to Chicago the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with the DOOR program in the south side of Chicago. They have great work/reflection retreats.

Part of the class expectation is regular participation in worship and/or youth group. We are asking that you be in worship or youth group (beyond confirmation class) at least 2 times a month.

There is also an expectation of service hours totaling a least 4 a month. Service events already scheduled are: Crop Walk on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. This is a great way to raise money for Church World Service, which works toward feeding people around our world. There is also the Chum Sleep Out at St. Scholastica. Another fun event is our annual UNICEF Carnival. Confirmands will be running the games for our kids.

**If this is your first year in confirmation, our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm with youth and parents.** We will then have our first class with the second year students on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Kathy Nelson will be the primary teacher, with help from Paul Van Antwerp and Mary Bode.

**Would you like to be a Church School teacher next year?**

Join a group of dedicated and enthusiastic folks who help kids develop and grow in their faith. You don't need to have a Master's in Theology or even have taught Sunday School before!

We are looking for four more teachers! We need one pre-school, one 4<sup>th</sup> grade, one 5<sup>th</sup> grade and one Junior High. We like to have two teachers per grade level. All curriculum and materials provided! What a great opportunity to get to know our little ones and youth. If you are interested in ministering in any way with our children, please let us know — call 724-3637.

### PEACE PUPPETS

*Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!*

It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Peace Puppets, a very fun ministry for kids. Maybe you have seen the puppets perform – well if you're in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, its time to join our troupe!

We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. Each year we have been able to acquire additional puppets that are really awesome. So come learn how to use them or other types of things that we need to do to put on a show.



Are you an adult or youth (confirmands get service hours for this) who would like to participate in the puppets but cannot devote your time each week. How about 15 minutes or so, twice a month? Peace Puppets need a musical person to play for our shows and help select terrific music. If this is you, your talent would be appreciated soooo much. I promise, it will be fun!

We are gearing up to start September 9. Lots of information is on the Peace Church web site at [www.peaceucc.org/peacepuppets/index.htm](http://www.peaceucc.org/peacepuppets/index.htm). Give Cindy McLean a call at 525-3526 or email [cindy@peaceucc.org](mailto:cindy@peaceucc.org) to learn even more.

### NURSERY IDEAS!

Do you have ideas to make our nursery rooms even more fun/safe/inviting for our little ones?

We'll meet this summer to put our ideas in place for fall. If you can't meet, please email your ideas/concerns to Jill at [jjpospisil@aol.com](mailto:jjpospisil@aol.com).

### Thanks to VBS Volunteers!

**Many thanks** to all who are helping with VBS preparations. A Huge Thank you to Holly Bowen-Bailey for coordinating it all, Sarah Jessico and the youth for decorating, Jen Hudyma for her work on the turtle project, all the folks who sewed turtles, everyone who has taken coupons and bought supplies or made contributions, all who have volunteered to help out next week, and to Sally and Stew Hunter from Cornerstone Day-care for generously loaning us the Prayer Shack they built for their church's VBS.



**Vacation Bible School ~ August 3-7, 2009**

9AM TO NOON AT PEACE UCC, 1111 N 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE E, DULUTH

*WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT!*

VBS is for kids from 4 years old to those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade

• 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up serve as Teen Leaders •

\$15 per child due with registration – Family Rates & Scholarships available



**Registration Form**

Please fill out one form for each child

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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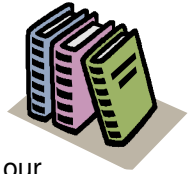
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Name of one special friend your child might like to be with: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Have you discovered Peace Church Library?*

Check out these new books available for you to read! Thanks to all who have donated books to our library, as it has helped us immensely to stretch our budget.



**Adult Books:**

*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold (fiction)

*Grandmothers of the Light: A Medicine Woman's Source Book* by Paula Gunn Allen

*Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival* by Velma Wallis

*Life or Debt: A One-Week Plan for a Lifetime of Financial Freedom* by Stacy Johnson

*My Grandfather's Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge, and Belonging* by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.

*Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths* by Bruce Feiler

*Back When We Were Grown-ups* by Anne Tyler (fiction)

*A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance: Help for the Losses in Life* by Margaret Metzgar

*Duluth Builders' Exchange: Building for a Century* by Tracy Maurer

*Bringing Baby Home: An Owner's Manual* by Laura Zahn (Peace Church Member)

**Children's Books new to our library:**

- Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems* by Joyce Kilmer
- My Lord My God: Thomas' Incredible Account of Jesus' Resurrection* by Calvin Miller
- The Mystery of the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks
- Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
- Caterpillar Spring, Butterfly Summer* by Susan Hood



# Tom, Monica and Hannah Liddle Leave for East Timor

## Global Ministries

In a few days our family will be headed off to East Timor for the next few years. We will be serving as missionaries through Global Ministries. Global Ministries is the mission program of the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Throughout the world we have about 60 missionaries serving with our partner churches, though two years ago we had double that number. Our mission work is in five principal areas: healthcare, education, leadership development, advocacy and economic development. Global Ministries will send a missionary when a partner church requests assistance and when funding is available (growing more difficult all the time). Missionaries are full employees of the church and funding comes from various sources including OCWM (our churches wider mission) and OGHS (one great hour of sharing). By tithing at Peace Church you are supporting the mission work of Global Ministries. Global Ministries has a philosophy of "critical presence" meaning we focus our energy and resources on those church partners in deepest need. Our mission personnel commit to 1-4 year terms throughout the world.

## East Timor

East Timor is the eastern half of the island of Timor at the eastern end of the Indonesian archipelago. East Timor was colonized by the Portuguese for 400 years before it was invaded by Indonesia in 1975. The Indonesian military brutally occupied East Timor for 25 years until a UN sponsored referendum was held and independence was gained. Ten years ago when the referendum was held, the Indonesian military and Timorese militias destroyed most of the infrastructure of the country. East Timor is thus a post-traumatic society struggling to rebuild and govern itself, as well as develop an economy and educate its citizens. East Timor is the poorest country in Asia, its maternal mortality rate is 1 in 35, approximately half its people are under 15, and unemployment is over 40 percent in urban areas. Most of its people live in rural areas and are farmers with income of less than a dollar a day.

## The Protestant Church of East Timor

We will be working with the Protestant Church of East Timor (IPTL). Protestantism is a minority faith in East Timor, as 98% of East Timorese are Catholic. The IPTL was established in the mid 1960's by the Protestant Church of Indonesia and much of its leadership were pastors and lay leaders from Indonesia. During the occupation, the church was colonized by Indonesians because most Indonesian Christians are Protestants. As the war for independence intensified, many church leaders fled either because they supported autonomy within Indonesia, or because they supported the independence referendum. Officially

IPTL was pro-independence and was a significant channel for advocacy for Protestants in Europe, Australia and the U.S. In the end, following the referendum, the church lost most of its educated leadership, and therefore the past ten years have been very difficult for the church as it strives to rebuild. Like the UCC, the IPTL is part of the ecumenical movement, and is a member of the World Council of Churches and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

## Our Work

Following the exodus of leadership from the IPTL after 1999, the church came close to disintegrating, despite the fact that it has over 10,000 members. There was virtually no money to pay the pastors that remained and its few social outreach ministries, desperately needed by the people, almost collapsed. It has therefore initiated a program to strengthen its congregations with the help of its international partners, including Global Ministries, the Dutch Reformed Church and the Uniting Church of Australia. Our work will be linked to this effort. We will be living in Lospalos, and Monica will be working in a health clinic that the church runs. She will be providing healthcare and health education, maternity care, and training for local midwives and health workers. Tom will be working with local pastors and lay leaders helping to develop leadership and educational programs to revitalize the congregations, strengthen leadership, and rebuild some of the church's damaged facilities. Hannah will be going to kindergarten with all the other kids once we get settled in and she is adjusted to the culture!

You can learn more about the mission work of Global Ministries by going to [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org). And about East Timor by going to [www.etan.org](http://www.etan.org). (There is a link to Global Ministries on the Peace Church website, [www.peaceucc.org](http://www.peaceucc.org), and there will be a link to Tom and Monica's blog as soon as they are settled in East Timor.)

Thank you to all for your friendship, support, prayers, *and the opportunity to serve!*

In Christ,

Tom, Monica and Hannah



*Contributions for Tom and Monica's work in East Timor can be made to Peace Church, marked Liddles, and we will send it on to Global Ministries—or send it directly to UCC Global Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland OH 44115, labeled Liddles/East Timor.*

*Check payable to "Wider Church Ministries"*

## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU !

- To all who provided special music in July — Cathy Ameal, Ellen Martinson, Peter Provost, Susan Larson Kidd, Tom Wilkowske, Dave Winchester, Diane and Mike Swanoski and Ken and Karen Sievers.
- To Rachel Peterson for her dialogue sermon with Paul on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the sermon are on the web site.
- To all who are working on Hummingbird's home. Special thanks to Jim McLean and Mary Martin for taking leadership roles with this.
- From Rebecca Hinds of Community Action's Getting Ahead program. Thanks for putting the Getting Ahead advertisement in the Peace Bell and for generally being great to work with. You are appreciated!
- To Denise Perry for refinishing the doors and drawers on the cabinets in the downstairs hallway. This is a big project that she is devoting lots of time to—and the cabinets are looking great!
- To Mary Martin and Denise Perry for all they do as our property committee co-chairs to care for our building. They are so responsive to every need, and never hesitate to take on a new project.
- To Doug and Holly Bowen-Bailey for all they do to help out wherever needed and whenever called upon!

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Emily Penn and Tom Prebich married on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- Amanda Plucinak and Chris Loffer married on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Kathy officiated.
- Forest Fena, son of Andy and Libby Fena baptized on July 26<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30 worship service.

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- George Trottier diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Tommie Adams diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Gwen Plumb and Kathy Tate dealing with breast cancer.
- Hummingbird living with a brain tumor. Folks are gathering on Thursday evenings at 6:30 at his home to help work on it. For more details call or talk with Jim McLean.
- Joyce Clement who is at Lakeshore to get stronger.
- Rodney Schelin recovering from heart by-pass surgery.
- Tom, Monica and Hannah Liddle leaving in early August for East Timor. They will be missionaries through our World Board for 3 years. (See article on page 7 for more details. Watch our website for ongoing information.)

### WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Nolan Robinson, son of Katie and Chad Robinson born on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### MEMORIALS

For **Dorrie Godden** from Sue Soule and Marcelle Beerhalter, Howard and Lorraine Anderson, Robert and Dorothy Gronlund, Peggy Maske, Myrna Johnson, Gretchen Carlson, Harriet Pelletier and Mary Houle.

For **Bill Staubs** from Paul and Dinel Koski.

For **Leigh McMullen** from her daughter Julie Bergeman, in memory of her mother's birthday.

### PEACE HELPING PEACE

• **Moving Crew!** — Elaine Augustad has a new home! She could use some help moving in (and she sure deserves it!). Meet at the church on Sunday, August 23rd at 11:45 in the Narthex. We'll carpool to Elaine's— where she'll have pizza waiting for us. Please contact Paul Van Antwerp with questions.

• **Check out your bike** — Bring your bike to John Ameal's "Bike Checking Service", Sunday August 16th, after second service (see note under "Intergenerational Event" on front page)

• **Help with Hummingbird's House**—Hummingbird of our congregation is dealing with treatment for a brain tumor. In the midst of all this, he needs help with work on his house. He lives at 814 East 8<sup>th</sup> St. We are working on Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:30. Please join us! Working together we can get a lot done for him. Questions? Call Jim McLean at 525-3526.

***Do you have time and talents you could share with other members? Know of a Peace Church member that could use a hand? Please let us know. (This is what community is all about!)***

### TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

All boards and committees will meet on Wednesday, August 12th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. Childcare will be provided. Join us for these very important meetings as we plan for our 2009 - 2010 program year

### COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, August 18th at 7 pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

## More Peace People



Congratulations to Jim Pospisil, our music director, who finished the Minnesota Voyageur Trail Ultramarathon 50-Mile race—word has it he looked “fresh and cheery the whole way.”

## Inquirers Class

### INQUIRERS CLASSES

Thinking about the UCC?

Want to meet others who are new to Peace Church?

Wednesday Evenings

September 23 & 30 — 6-7pm

in the Fireside Room (dinner at 5:30)

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 October 11th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

*Thank you from CHUM* — Every month we get a thank you letter from CHUM for the regular contributions our congregation makes. This month, we also received a special plea for support. CHUM responds to the needs of the lowest income residents of Duluth. As the recession deepens, the need increases. CHUM provides food shelves, emergency shelters, permanent and transitional housing, employment services, a nurse clinic, homeless outreach, and stabilization programs — with low administrative overhead, on a very limited budget —which is only going up by 0.2% in the coming year.

**As CHUM ends its fiscal year, any support, of your time or your money, will be most appreciated!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cathy Ameel
- 2 Parker Adams  
Aaron Peterson  
Whitney Gagnon
- 3 Dennis Isernhagen  
Brendan Friday
- 4 Jane Rupel  
Ken Wergeland  
Robert Sinclair  
Jayme Hennen
- 5 Bria Langdon-Larson  
Mariah Kirsh  
Makoto Sudoh
- 6 Deborah McLeod
- 7 Tony Watson
- 8 Amy Larson
- 9 Tavis Westbrook
- 10 Nathan Hubert  
Evan Peterson  
Tyler Stark  
Jane Van Slooten
- 11 Jacob Koski  
Bev Zengel



- 12 Peter Aas  
Ian Erickson
- 13 Tim Walsh  
Libby Fena  
Annie Rupert
- 14 Courtney Simpson
- 15 Seiji Sudoh
- 16 Bill Simpson  
Carla Langdon-Larson  
Peter Rindal
- 19 Penny Cragun
- 20 Madeline Kvale
- 21 Katie Robinson  
Kyle Elden
- 22 Ginny Cran  
Jackie Fairbanks  
Aiden Fitzpatrick  
Kyle Everett
- 23 Debra Johnson  
Marcus Lovejoy
- 24 Greg Rupert
- 25 Dan Green  
Alex Kinney



- 25 Shari Marshik
- 26 Sarah Adams  
Robert Stevens
- 27 Nina Wilkowske  
Deb Stricker  
Val Jensen  
Emily Watson
- 28 James Sandomierski  
Kate Thoennes  
Barbara Mozingo  
Oscar Timm  
Mickey MacKenzie
- 29 Doug Bowen-Bailey  
Jaime Benton
- 30 Teri Benton  
Fred Pomroy  
Mary Kate Boyle
- 31 Paul Hlina  
Gracey Pearson  
Ella Fox  
Zaida Devlin  
Kelsey Lanier



CHUM Celebrates National Night Out  
with the ALL CHUM Street Fest  
August 4, 6 to 8 PM  
1st Ave W between 1st & 2nd streets  
Food served 6 - 7 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome! CHUM supporters, congregation, congregation members, neighbors, current or past volunteers — anyone having an interest in CHUM's work. You are invited to share with us in an evening of food, music and fun!



### BACKPACK DONATIONS NEEDED

A "Back to School Fair" will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at which backpacks filled with school supplies will be distributed by CHUM for children in need. PLEASE HELP BY donating a backpack plus the supplies to fill it OR donate \$18 and we will purchase what is needed. *Most needed—backpacks, 3 ring binders and pocket folders.*

For more information regarding needed supplies go to [www.chumduluth.org](http://www.chumduluth.org)

### CHUM NEEDS

**The Food Shelf** needs plastic **GROCERY BAGS**. They are also seeking an **upright or small chest freezer in good working condition**. Please contact Meg at 727-2391 or [mkearns@chumduluth.org](mailto:mkearns@chumduluth.org)

**Street Outreach** can use raincoats/ponchos, sleeping bags and umbrellas.

**Family Shelter** needs donations of dish soap, laundromat certificates/gift cards, all purpose household cleaners, baby hygiene products, laundry supplies, hair conditioner in family size bottles.

**CHUM Church** is seeking old, but still useable, candles and glass votive candle holders for art project. Please drop your donation at the Food Shelf, 120 N 1st Ave East.

Friends of the Parks neighborhood BBQ  
August 4, 5-7pm

In conjunction with the National Night Out, Friends of the Parks-Duluth would like to invite the neighborhood to a BBQ at our new Garden House in Lower Chester, August 4, 5-7 PM. Free hotdogs & drinks etc. We hope to share plans for the Garden House and community gardening project and invite ideas on how best to be an asset to the neighborhood and to the city. The Garden House is located at the corner of 15th Ave. East and East 5th Street. For more information contact Friends of the Parks at [FOTPDuluth@gmail.com](mailto:FOTPDuluth@gmail.com) or call Judy Gibbs at 391-0886.

### "CLEAR" CONCERTS AT ENDION

"Clear" (Steve Horner, Peter Provost, Dave Winchester, Leon Rorhbaugh, Tom Wilkowske) are playing some free shows at Endion Station (Canal Park) this summer. Easy and free parking, great green space to sit, listen, picnic and enjoy the music and the lake.  
**Sat Aug 15, 6-7pm, Wed Aug 26, 6:30-7:30pm, and Thurs Sept 10, 6-7pm.**

All of the performances are "weather permitting". For more information call Peter Provost @ 218-213-1094.

### Habitat Here! at Hartley Nature Center Saturday August 22, 9am-3pm

Join Wild Ones and Hartley Nature Center for a day of fun and learning as we raise a trowel in honor of native plants. This new event, held at Hartley Nature Center in Duluth, will educate you about the importance of natural habitat, the need for more of it, and how you can help increase the quantity and quality of natural habitat in our neighborhoods. There will be presentations on butterflies and insects by well-respected local experts. Tours of our gardens, invasive species identification and control, kids activities, and a chance to purchase native plants will round out the day. There is a \$5 fee for adults and \$2 for kids for any of the organized activities. You may come and look around for free. More info, call 390-8981.

### Let's clean up with soap, shampoo donations

Remember, if you are staying in hotels or motels this summer, collect unopened bottles of shampoo, conditioner and bars of soap for people in poverty. You can bring them to church and place them in the basket under the coat rack. For the summer, donations will be going to CHUM Drop-In Center.

### 2009 CROP Walk Update

We have set the date for the CROP Walk. Based on feedback from last year, we are moving the date back to October 4 to allow more time for organizing after the start of fall programming. Also, we are moving west. Asbury United Methodist Church has graciously offered to be the host this year and we'll be able to walk on the Western Waterfront trail which winds along the St. Louis River estuary.

### Harvest Festival and Energy Fair

Saturday, September 12  
9am-4pm at Bayfront Park

Sponsored by Lake Superior Sustainable Farming Association and Lake Superior Energy Association.

# AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

## Nursery

- 2 Kenji or Stacy Sudoh, Echo Funk or Nick Schutz, Hannah Carpenter
- 9 Andy or Libby Fena, Nicki Seibert or Alisha Blazevic, Jane Rupel
- 16 Jill Pospisil, Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick
- 23 Jessica Olson, Julie flatten, Britt or Leon Rohrbaugh
- 30 Diana, Barb & Sergei Hanka,

## Greeters

- 2 Essie Geiger & Nick Zeitler
- 9 Katey Fornear, Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland
- 16 Denise Hamsher, Caroline Harris
- 23 Lynette Boyko, Marg Paulson
- 30 **Volunteers needed**

## Lay Readers

- 2 Guy Hubert
- 9 Sandra Moore
- 16 Phyllis Cook
- 23 Matt Johnson
- 30 Sharon Kirtley

## 8:30 Communion Bread



- 2 Bilin Tsai
- 9 Susan Goltz
- 16 Beth Bartlett
- 23 Jerry Cleveland
- 30 Terese Tomanek

## Damiano Soup Kitchen

*We will be taking the summer off and starting up again the second Sunday of September. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!*

## Monday Meal

### at Loaves and Fishes

- 3 Brian Graff
- 10 Penny Cragun
- 17 Jane Ward
- 24 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 31 **Volunteer needed**

## Ushers

- 2 Laura and Mariah Berner, Dan Peterson
- 9 Chris Campbell & Jill Hess, John Moeller
- 16 Daniel and Jane Ward, Vicki Barnes
- 23 Sam & Phyllis Cook, Sheryl Filby Williams
- 30 Denise Hamsher, Matt Johnson, Jayme Hennen

## COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

**THANKS SO MUCH** to everyone who has taken a turn helping out with our Sunday coffee hour. It is going very well. Please let us know if you have any concerns.

**2009 COFFEE COMMITTEES:** Unless you requested a change, you are likely on the same month as last year. New members have been added to the lists. Copies of the monthly committees are in the narthex. Please let us know if you are not able to be on a committee.

**MONTHLY COORDINATORS:** Thanks to all of you. **We need another coordinator for September—Please call the office if you can help.** Any questions? Call Janell in the office, 724-3637, or Cizzarie, 525-0325.



### August Coffee Hour

**Coordinators:**  
**Mary Martin, 720-5894**  
**Elaine Augustad, 525-5984**

#### **August 9**

Set-up: Nick & Christine Mullozzi, Cheryl Walsh  
 Serve & clean-up: Tony LaDeaux, Carl & Pat Sjoding

#### **August 16**

Set-up: Julie & Mickey MacKenzie, Lisa & Nat Brown  
 Serve & clean-up: Jan & Mike Nugent, Anita Nelson

#### **August 23**

Set-up: Tammy & Dean Fox, Tom & Kim Heinitz  
 Serve & clean-up: Kenji & Stacy Sudoh, **Volunteer needed**

#### **August 30**

Set-up: Sarah Nelson, Barb & Greg Nugent  
 Serve & clean-up: Stewart & Ginny Cran, Bilin Tsai & Don Poe

**Please bring 3 dozen cookies on the Sunday you help out.**

### Coming up — August

**Coordinators:**  
**Nick Zeitler & Essie Geiger,**  
**728-4483**

#### **Second Coordinator needed!**

- Patty Bambenek, 728-1893
- Chris And Mary Bode, 392-7730
- Stan & Jan Burns, 525-9441
- Sara & Randy Carlson, 728-5424
- Phil And Elsie Cook, 393-3136
- Loni Cran-Hovis, 590-9255
- Denise & Dennis Hamsher, 729-9198
- Hummingbird, 728-2778
- Lynn Lanier, 727-7055
- Dennis & Doreen Marciniak, 724-9371
- Pat & Angela O'Connell, 525-0578
- Cindy & Mark Poirier, 724-7393
- Amy & Jeff Samuel, 349-6324
- Anne & Kevin Skwira-Brown, 728-3079
- Bob & Kay Stevens, 724-4865
- Diane & Mike Swanoski, 729-9643
- Ryan & Jane Van Slooten, 722-2084
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