



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

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

Summer Work Camp to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Mississippi

June 6 - June 14 — Sign up Now!

Planning Meeting on Sunday, February 1st at 11: 30 in the Fireside Room — Scott and Phyllis Mead will have slides from their trip to Back Bay last year!

Cost is at least \$200 per person with lots of fund raising to make up the rest of the cost. We will be taking a coach bus together down and back. We have reserved 40 spots. This is an intergenerational trip . . youth 13 and up are welcome to join us! Confirmands are especially encouraged to attend! Pastor Kathy and Cynthia Coffin will be helping to lead the church along with Dan Green and Jim McLean from our outstanding building committee!

Workcamps are one of the Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Bay Mission has developed a style of workcamping based on experiential learning that has proved highly successful. While the "work" in workcamping has become more intense and the term "disaster recovery" more appropriate since Katrina, BBM's model of workcamping is more in demand than ever. This program seeks to equally emphasize productivity (home rehabilitation) and learning, using an action-reflection model. This is a powerful method for helping persons internalize their learning and build cohesive caring groups.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



February 25th at 7 pm

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with ashes and the sharing of Communion. The Youth will help with worship leadership and the choir will sing.

Lenten Vespers

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have a vespers service at 7 pm. This year we will be using a meditative liturgy called, "Prayers Around the Cross", from Holden Village. This meditative worship includes quiet singing, silence, prayer and the lighting of candles. Take time each week for worship as we journey toward Easter. This service will begin on March 4th and continue each Wednesday until Easter. The liturgy lasts between and 20 and 30 minutes, based on each participant's need for silence and prayer.



Your Peace Bell would never get to you if it weren't for this group of dedicated folks who prepare it for mailing. Coffee time and birthday celebrations happen after the work is done! Thanks to Lowell Oseland, Marg Paulson, Lorraine and Howard Anderson, Sharon Crosby, Elaine Augustad, Paul VanAntwerp (joining the group for coffee time), Peggy Maske, Dorie Godden and Deloris Thompson. Missing is Elrose Norfolk.

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FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return . . . These words that we speak each Ash Wednesday have echoed in my heart these days. I have spent many hours these past weeks with families dealing with unexpected deaths— Leigh and Greg who both died in car accidents, Anthony dying from an overwhelming lung infection at 39, and Bill whose life journey was longer, dying at 86. Being with each of these families is such sacred time. Time is almost suspended as we stop and really listen to their stories of life, of loving. Each of these people were such a gift to our world in their own unique way – Anthony loved kids, dogs and snakes; Greg loved cutting Christmas trees, sharing whatever he had and being out of doors, Leigh taught us how to slow down, breathe and stay connected to the earth, and Bill loved his family, music, his work as a dentist, and cookies, from which he developed some cavities.

Remember you are dust. None of us knows how much time we have here on this earth, and really this is what makes life so precious. We are part of this fragile creation. This means we are called to love and live each day creatively, passionately and fully. As Daniel Deffenbach wrote in *Seeds of Shalom*, “Like Adam being brought forth from the earth, I want to wear on my forehead the ashes of creation. I want to take strange comfort in the fact that from dust I came and to dust I shall return. I want to look at those who are close to me and remember how much their lives have enriched my own. I will also remember how my lifestyle choices affect those whom I may never see, both human and nonhuman. Robert Frost once wrote, ‘Earth is the right place for love/ I don’t know where it is likely to go better.’ There is wisdom in this. Our attention and our hope at this time of year cannot be in some heaven above but must be focused right here on the earth below, where the ashes of creation – the bittersweet paradox of human existence – are lived out in all their mystery, somewhere between suffering and salvation,”

We are dust filled with the Spirit, the breath of God, the breath of life. We are called to live God’s love now—in the present. Isaiah proclaims for God, “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?”

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.”

We never know how much time we have. The ashes mark this — it is important to make things right between us each day. Do something for your neighbor, act on one of our small steps, sign the call to the Minnesota Legislature to end poverty by 2020.

And know that the ashes are never the final word. Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return, but the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever . . . On Ash Wednesday we mark our lives but ashes, but we also will feast at the table of the eternal, we share in the Lord’s supper. We eat and hope in the one who shows us that life is stronger than death and love is stronger than hate . . .

We can step out in hope, for the steadfast love of the Lord does endure forever. . . and we shall see them and love them fully again . . . Leigh, Greg, Anthony, Bill, and so many more . . .

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Donations Needed — Soap, Shampoo, Lotion

Do you travel and don’t use all your hotel soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion?

Please bring the unopened bars and bottles back and deposit them in the Soap/Shampoo Donation basket under the first floor coat rack. They will be collected and taken to Lincoln Park School, where 90% of the kids are on free and reduced price lunch and staff report a huge need for personal hygiene items. Kids often come into the office and request soap or shampoo. Laundry soap you wish to donate would also be put to good use. Sometimes a parent or guardian will report a child cannot come to school because they have nothing clean to wear. For more information, contact Laura Zahn, 728-5555, or lzahn@cpinternet.com.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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

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

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20
and Mark 1: 21 – 28

Sermon: "You've Got the Power to . . ."
by Pastor Kathy

This morning we will celebrate communion at both of our services. The praise team will lead our music at the 10:30 service along with anthems from our choir.

11:30 in the Fireside Room—Planning Meeting for summer work camp to Back Bay Mission

Sunday, February 8 – Racial Justice Sunday

Scripture: Mark 1: 29 – 39

Our Understanding and Dismantling Racism Team will lead our worship today. At the 10:30 Service we will have a special birthday celebration for Trudy Schwerdt, a long time member who will be 95. The kids choir and the Ant and the Kid will be part of the festivities. James Moors will also provide some special music, as well as our choir.

This morning **we will also welcome new members into our congregation**; please let the office or Pastor Kathy know if you would like to join with us at this time.

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 30 and Mark 1: 40 – 45

Sermon: Compassionate Community
by Pastor Kathy

The praise team will lead our music today, along with our Senior Choir. We will celebrate the baptism of Josie Blazivic-Seibert.

(Blood Drive 8am-12noon)

11:30: Technology Training Session

Meet in the sanctuary

11:30: ONA Meeting in Fireside Room

11:30: Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Meet in the Conference Room

Sunday, February 22 – Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Mark 9: 2 – 9

Cynthia Coffin, our children's minister and seminary student will be our preacher this morning. Clear will be providing special music at the 10:30 service, along with our choir.

Technology Training

Sunday February 15 at 11:30

Anyone who wants to learn to run our sound and light boards is welcome to attend. Meet in the sanctuary after the service.

Sunday Adult Forums in December

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

All Are Welcome

Grab your Coffee in the Entry Way!

February 1 – How did the Bible come to us?

Ever wonder Where did the Bible come from? What do the old manuscripts look like? When was the list of books we use decided on? What is different about the Catholic Bibles? Where there other books used by the early church? Why are there so many English translations? Discussion led by Bob Stevens

February 8 – Antiracism Study-Dialogue Circles Peace church has hosted ASDIC Circles over the past two years and another series will start on February 21st. Learn more about the Circles from Undoing Racism team members.

February 15 & 22 – American Indians and African Americans in our community Historical and current testimony can deepen our knowledge of American Indian and African American experiences in our region and help us understand how those conditions have shaped current realities.

Coming in March – Adult Forum

Examining Non-Violent Protest

*"When people decide they want to be free
There is nothing that can stop them."* ~ Desmond Tutu

Cosponsored by Peace UCC Church and the
Community of the Third Way

A FORCE MORE POWERFUL

9:30 – Sundays for 6 weeks – March 1 through April 5

25 minutes of film viewing followed by 35 minutes of moderated discussion.

Blood Drive – February 15 Please sign up for the Peace Church Blood Drive that will take place from 8am-12n on Sunday Feb. 15 at Peace. Memorial Blood Center is the regional supplier for our community hospitals. 90% of people will need a transfusion for themselves or an immediate family member at some time in their lives. The donation takes about 1/2 an hour and you have a great reason for taking it easy for the rest of the afternoon! One donation pint can save up to three lives. There is no substitute for human blood and the all blood types are needed. Please contact Cizzarie (525-0325) or e-mail the office to sign up.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6-7pm in the Fireside Room

Led by Pastor Kathy and Paul Van Antwerp using the Lectio Divina method of reading the Hebrew scripture and Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday.

Lectio divina is listening to scripture. We read it slowly and attentively, we ponder how it speaks to us, and what God might have us change or do. We are listening for the still, small voice of God that will speak to us. We close with prayer, each praying for the person on his or her right. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm as we practice this ancient and yet very relevant method of Bible study.

Questions Along the Way every Tuesday at noon

Join us as we lift up the questions that arise in each of us on the journey through life together. All are welcome!

Women's Spiritual Life Group

Feb. 28th at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

Join us for reflection on the transfiguration passage, Mark 9: 3 – 9, using the Lectio Divina method of bible study.

Men's Bible Study

Mondays, February 9 & 23 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>*

Reading, Writing, Reflection Group

Thursday February 12 & 26 at 4:30pm

Please join us in the Fireside Room as we read a short passage, exercise our writer's minds, and share in great discussion. Marilyn Mayry will be facilitating this group.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday February 25 at noon

Benedictine Health Center

Third Floor Lounge

Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh

Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert provided.

Friday Night Movie-February 27 7:00pm in the Fireside Room

"For the Bible Tells Me So" A look at how the church's attitudes toward GLBT folks has impacted them. The Reitan family in the movie will be part of our Opening Doors event with Bishop John Spong on March 13-15.

Peace Church Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Fireside Room. All are invited. Please join us!

February 19 - *Old Men at Midnight*

by Chaim Potok

Poignant and profound, Chaim Potok's newest fiction is a major addition to his remarkable—and remarkably loved—body of work. Ilana Davita Dinn is the listener to whom three men relate their lives. "The Ark Builder," is the story of a proud old builder of synagogue arks, and what happened when the German army invaded his Polish town. In "The War Doctor," the teller recounts his experiences as a Soviet NKVD agent who was saved by an idealistic doctor during the Russian civil war, only to encounter him again during the terrifying period of the Kremlin doctors' plot. In "The Trope Teacher," a distinguished professor of military history, writes his memoirs and is distracted by his wife's illness.

March 19 - *When the Elephants Dance*

by Tess Uriza Holthe

A special invitation to those involved with our Philippines partnership

"Papa explains the war like this," narrates 13-year-old Alejandro as he heads through a series of Japanese barricades and check points. "When the elephants dance, the chickens must be careful." The great beasts, as they circle one another, shaking the trees and trumpeting loudly, are the Amerikanos and the Japanese as they fight. And our Philippine Islands? We are the small chickens."

April 16 - *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder

This powerful and inspiring new book shows how one person can make a difference, as Tracy Kidder tells the true story of a Dr. Paul Farmer who is in love with the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it.

May 21 - *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat: And Other Clinical Tales* by Oliver Sacks

Oliver Sacks explores neurological disorders with respect and compassion.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Retreat - March 6 - 8

This year's retreat will be held at the Isernhagen cabin (near Gordon on Simms Lake). The theme is: *"Did you hear me? Speaking and Listening as Christian Men."* We'll take some time to share what it means to be Christian men in our church, community, and world, but more importantly, this is an opportunity to relax and get to know others in the congregation better. There are trails nearby for outdoor activities, and plan to eat well, as Dick Goese has volunteered his cooking talents for us again. Cost for the entire weekend will be about \$50. Financial help is available. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please call Paul Van Antwerp or Jerry Cleveland with any questions.

Women's Retreat — April 24 - 25 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. Cost is \$45 per night (includes your own bed and linens) with scholarships available. We will be responsible for our meals. **Sign up now in the entryway!**

A planning meeting will be held in the fireside room on Sunday, February 15th at 11:30 am. Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help, but can't make the meeting.

PALS — Thursday February 26 (Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

February gathering will be at the Isernhagen home. Program will be a presentation by Eric Thomas of his experiences sailing solo, including a race from California to Hawaii in which he placed second.

Don't forget 'Peace Works' bulletin board!

In this tough economy, don't forget to use and check the Peace Works bulletin board downstairs. Post your business cards, resume or job openings there. Members and friends of Peace can help each other by supporting those in business or networking as part of the job hunt.

Game Night

Monday February 16, in the Fellowship Hall, 7 pm

Hot chocolate, snacks, and laughter on a cold winter's night! There are ongoing Scrabble, Cribbage, and Trivia groups seeking your company. Also a call out for fans of Cranium. Please bring a snack to share. Childcare available upon request. Contact Paul Van Antwerp with questions (or help in setting up a group to play your favorite game).

Peace Church Hootenanny (Folk Music Group) Friday, Feb. 20th, 7pm, Fireside Room

Bring your instruments, voices, percussion, and songbooks to sing out your favorite folk songs. All skill levels welcome. This month, we'll also be putting together a string band to play the following Sunday.

Peace Church BWCA Winter Camping Trip February 27th - March 1st

There's still room for folks who'd like to spend a weekend skiing and snowshoeing in the BWCA. We'll have a base camp on Hegman Lake (pictographs!) and plan day trips as we like. All skill levels welcome. Please contact Paul Van Antwerp or Jim Larson for more information.

Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes! February 11 & 25



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.

Please use the doors by the cafeteria off the playground to enter the school as the side doors are locked as of 7pm.

Men's Breakfast—Feb. 5 & 19 at Embers

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

LOST! 24 serving bowls that were donated to Peace Church and put in the cupboards in the hallway by the kitchen, are now missing. If you know where they might be, please call the office.

SEEDS OF PEACE: The Seeds of Peace microloan committee sent out \$1000 this week to Jubilee House/CDCA in Nicaragua in support of their microenterprise program. Part of the money is in the form of a 0% loan and part is a donation. The committee is looking for future opportunities, hopefully in the Philippines.

Our life journeys often lead to unexpected, uncomfortable places, and unfamiliar roads. Anything unexpected happen to you this past year? In what ways have you experienced God's leading and guiding? Has there been a time that God has called you to take a different, unfamiliar path? Have you questioned whether or not you have heard God speaking to you?

One moment I remember clearly happened about three months ago. I was driving home to Duluth from Solon Springs and came upon a terrible car accident. There were emergency vehicles all around and at least fifteen or so other cars stopped along side the road. A police officer was directing traffic to keep everyone going through. The thought that continued to enter my mind was, "you should stop." But, logic and reason flooded my mind, "no, there are enough people here already. There is probably nothing here for me to do. What would I do with baby Sam, who is sleeping in the back seat?" So, I just kept on driving... but the gut feeling that I should stop didn't go away. The next day there was an article in the paper about the accident. Three people from Bennett (small town right outside of Solon Springs, which is my hometown) were in that accident. Not people I knew formally, but people my family knew. The feeling that I should have stopped came flooding back. I began to cry. I knew that had been God leading me, speaking to me, but because of my own fear, discomfort and reasonable logic, I choose to ignore that gut feeling...or shall we say, that "still small voice?"

As a Christian, I like to believe that I follow God and I am willing to go where God leads me. But, sometimes I am not sure if I can really hear God. Maybe it's because I am too busy or maybe I do not know what God's voice sounds like. Maybe that "gut" feeling I get sometimes is God speaking within me. Then sometimes my mind plays tricks on me and gives me plenty of good reasons to not do something. Now, I am not saying that logic and reason are the enemy! But, sometimes they can get in the way and prevent us from taking that leap of faith. My prayer for myself and all of you is that we will continue to learn how to listen to that voice inside of us...to go down the uncomfortable, unfamiliar road and trust the one guiding us.

Blessings,
Cynthia

We're back in full swing. Every Sunday at 9:30 we meet to sing and pray and learn. Everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN'S BOOK OFFERING

In February, we are going to help Damiano collect children books. As part of our morning offering to Pennies for Peace, we will be collecting children's books for Damiano to give to children who do not have books. Please bring your pennies and new/used books on Sunday mornings in February.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL on February 22nd due to winter break. We will have a Veggie Tale movie in the Lakeview classroom for any children who are here.

Parents: Please take note of the letter that was recently sent out outlining the dates for Church School through the winter and spring. If you have any questions call Cynthia.

February Acolyte Schedule

- February 1** Isabelle Schomberg, Casi Siegle
- February 8** Keira Sipila, Katherine Skwira-Brown
- February 15** Nathan Radke
- February 22** **NO CHURCH SCHOOL OR ACOLYTES**

Mark your calendar

August 3-7—Vacation Bible School!

Puzzle PEACE Interfaith Youth Choir

Remaining winter rehearsals and performance times are as follows:

- Sun. Feb. 8: 2-3 pm – Regular rehearsal at Peace UCC
- Sun. Feb. 15: 3:30--call! (at Interfaith Church) see below:

"REFLECTIONS OF THE SEASON"

(rescheduled from 12/21)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME!

Lake Superior Interfaith Community Church (1414 E 9th)
4:00 service, 5:00 potluck!

Warm-up, then sing at the service--ALL WELCOME!
Puzzle PEACE will sing 3 songs, including "Peace Round", "Thich Nhat Hanh Vows for Children" and "When the Lights All Shine".

Join us for an international potluck following—bring a dish to share. :)

There is a family who recently moved to Duluth who needs 2 twin beds, 1 double or queen bed, dressers, kitchen chairs, and a wheelchair. If you have any of these items, call David and Dede at 628-6067 or 406-261-4543. Thank you.



Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
in Youth Room

Youth Group Calendar:

February 4th: (Wednesday)
For World: "Brother Obama!"

What does it mean to have a UCC member as our president? What does faith have to do with leading a country? We're going to write to him and tell him what this Youth Group thinks!

Snacks: Hannah Carpenter

February 11th: (Wednesday)
For Community:

"Give up, or give back?"

Lent is coming at the end of the month—what's that all about? We'll explore ways we can celebrate in a time of repentance. Also: we'll help Pastor Kathy prepare for Ash Wednesday services.

Snacks: Mina Hubert

February 14th: (Saturday)
For Fun: "Love Tamales!"

Paul's family has a tradition of making Tamales and having a party for Valentine's day (it's a long story). This year, we're inviting the church! Come and join us! 5pm - ?

February 18th: (Wednesday)
Break! No Youth Group.

February 20th: (Friday) *For Fun:*
"Hootenanny? What's That?"

Play an instrument? Want to learn? Basic lessons at 6pm, sing with the Peace Church Hootenanny group at 7pm. Play with the string band on Sunday (if you want). See Paul with Questions.

February 25th: (Wednesday)
For Church/For Fun:
"Ashes and Dust"

We'll help Pastor Kathy with the Ash Wednesday service, then head downstairs, clear the fellowship hall, and get dusty with a few games.

Snacks: Emily Watson and Sara Kvale

Hey Youth Group!

Y'know, if there's one thing I've hoped to impress upon you so far this year, it's that our faith doesn't just wait at the Peace Church door and greet us on Sundays and Wednesdays while we go about the rest of our busy week. Sure, religion may not seem to be at the center of your thoughts while listening to a math lecture, or reading a social studies book, or playing sports, but your faith has an influence on all that you do in your day and the way you think about your life and your world. Don't believe me? Stay tuned... Stay tuned as we explore what it means to have a UCC'er for a president, or how the season of Lent is not a burden, but a blessing in everyday life, or how our simple actions we do for this community can literally change the lives of people in our community. Was your faith there on MLK day when we marched in our streets with hundreds of others? Was it there serving breakfast on a cold New Year's Eve at the CHUM drop-in? Was it there drawing pictures for the new banners in worship? Or acting out our re-interpretation of the Epiphany in Mark?

Hey...we laugh. We joke around. We have a good time and enjoy each other's company. And in the midst of all that, we ask hard questions and don't just talk about it, but get our bodies moving and *live out* what we're thinking—which, if I'm not mistaken, is what Jesus did.

Take some time and look at our calendar and look back at the past month. Tell me what you're interests you, tell me what bored you. Tell me how and when and where you find yourself living out your faith. I will listen.

Peace, my friends. See you soon!

Paul

Hey Parents!

A special thank you to all who attended our Parent's Meeting on the 11th! What a great discussion. Having supportive parents is wind in the sails of our youth group. The more we can connect your child's life in church with family, school, and community life, the more *real* faith becomes for all of us. I heard a few things loud and clear from that meeting: that you want your kids to get involved and be connected with our community, that you want to see them engage their faith with real-world issues, that you, as parents, want to be informed on what we're talking about in the youth group, and that *you really value talking with other parents about raising your teenagers!*

To the last point first: please consider joining fellow parents in the Fireside Room on March 4th for our first **Parents of Teens "Hang-out Night"** It's from 7:00 – 8:30 (while Youth Group is in session) and there will be a facilitator present to help keep conversation flowing. Also, the youth group has strengthened our partnership with Churches United in Ministry so we can share our talents with the good work that they do for our community. The goal is not just to have our youth show up and lend a hand, but to see where their hands reach, and how they effect others, from one family, to our whole community. We're also going to take some time in Youth Group to connect national and world events to our own denomination and faith—beginning with writing letters to this new president (and UCC member) of ours. Also, I'll be sending out regular emails to keep you updated with our upcoming conversations and activities—including our missional goals as a youth ministry team.

A few other notes: Wednesdays may be for the youth, but parents and families are always welcome to join other activities. As I wrote to the youth: take a look at the calendar. What interests you? What might fit the bill for family time? Come tubing, or learn to make tamales, or play an instrument. Hopefully, these activities could be time well-spent with your children. Also, the youth have signed up to provide weekly snacks. I've put their names on the calendar. A simple finger-food and drink will suffice.

For that wild and wonderful and uncertain thing that is teenage faith,

Paul

Moderator's Report and other Peace Church Updates

As a church we are doing fine financially. Because of expenses less than budget for 2008, 2008 closed nearly balanced. We are proposing a balanced budget for 2009 and are concerned but optimistic that we will be able to have an associate pastor in 2010.

A search committee for the associate pastor has been approved by the council and will be brought to our annual meeting.

Christian education is going to start tracking attendance.

Welcoming Committee had a new member lunch with good turnout. We are trying to use more inclusive language in our worship on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Under Christian Service it was reported that there will be Sacred Conversations on Race, Tuesday, 1-27-09. Small steps for February will be to write our elected officials expressing our concern of the bombing in Gaza.

The heaters in the Fireside room have been overhauled and are now working.

In general we appear to be returning to normal in our new sanctuary and enjoying the new views, new appearance, but have mixed reviews about how well sound carries in our new setting.

Submitted by Tom Curran

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The council has authorized the formation of a Search Committee to begin work on seeking an Associate Pastor to begin work some time in 2010. The committee will have their first meeting with Rev. Rick Wagner of the Minnesota Conference on February 17th over supper. Thanks to these members of our congregation who have agreed to serve our community in this crucial way: Doug Bowen Bailey, Susan Goltz, Pat O'Connell, Susan Isernhagen, Dean Fox, Kathy Bray, Nick Zeitler, Leanne Ventrella, Alan Peterson and Cindy Macaulay. What a wonderful group of folks to lead us. Pastor Kathy will also be part of the Search Committee.

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committees will meet on **Wednesday, February 11th**. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. Childcare is provided.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, February 17th at 7pm**. Visitors are always welcome.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kate Nicoletti
Earl Rosenwinkel
Lydia Peterson
3 Ben Hlina
Sandy Sandomierski
Megan Manthey
Nic Zeitler
Rowan Lundell
4 Teran Lind
Melanie Lundell
Trinitie Augusta
5 Gail Blum
Peggy Skylondz
Ryan Fralich
7 Colby Larson
8 Jim Filby Williams
9 Andrew Webster
10 Douglas Cran
Trudy Schwerdt



11 Chris Larsen
Olivia Augustine
13 Kai Sandal
Hannah Everett
14 Meg Petra
15 Laurie Walker
Hannah Liddle
17 Jill Valerius
19 Inez Rindal
Matt Johnson
Grant Cook
Ben Tomhave
20 Christina Marie
Langdon-Larson
Christina Mulozzi
Connor Friday
21 Tony Clark
Azalea Steffes



22 Tom Wilkowske
Eli Nelson
Heather Pierce
23 Eugene Hohmeister
Elrose Norfolk
Brian Timm
24 Jessica Olson
Zachary Murphy
25 Diana (Soland) Machones
Matthew Swanoski
Caroline Harris
26 Will Mitchell
Bruce Mork
Cindy Martins
Phyllis Mead
Haley Montgomery
27 Martha Minchak
Marisa Krueger
28 Marian Jensen



Sharon Kirtley has been corresponding with the Le family (Phouc, Hoa and Tai) and would like to talk with anyone who was involved with them while they were here in Duluth and at Peace Church. Call her at 722-8497.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Bible Study in the Fireside Room; 6pm: Inquirer's Classes in the Fireside Room 2/4/09
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group
7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds. 2/4, 2/18-NO Class, 2/25 Ash Weds.)

No Wednesday Activities on February 18th due to school break

Ash Wednesday Service on February 25 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Committee and Team Meetings on February 11th at 6pm



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

So far, we're off to a great start. We have heard stories of Jesus, ran for President, made posters, played with pipe cleaners, explored the bible, and played lots of games. The Weavers meet in the Toddler room. Everyone age appropriate is welcome! Here's what's coming in February.

February 4 Jesus did unbelievable things!

February 11 S.O.S.

February 18 **NO ACTIVITIES**

February 25 Ash Wednesday activity

Parents . . . Thanks for all your continued help on Wednesday nights. If you can't make your scheduled night, please arrange for someone to switch with you. Thanks!

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

We move, we sing, we dance and we play MUSICAL games!

All children, **K-5th grade**, are welcome to come on Wednesday nights at 5 - 5:30pm in the music room.

We are singing in church on: **Feb 8, March 8, April 12, and May 17**

Peace Church Choir

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

Please sign up to help with Wednesday meals—either 4:30 prep or clean-up!

Peace Puppets — Wednesday 6-7pm

4th, 5th and 6th Graders

We've finished our performances and are starting new projects. We have 11 enthusiastic puppeteers and more 4th, 5th and 6th graders are welcome. The more the merrier. Peace Puppets meet every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Lakeview classroom.



CONFIRMATION

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.

Remember 50 % worship attendance is expected. Worship forms are in the church office. Service hours are 4 per month. Let Kathy know if you need ideas on where to volunteer – Faith Weavers on Wednesday nights from 6 – 7 pm always needs helping hands.

Wednesday, February 4—Bound by the Spirit

No Class February 18—School Break

Wednesday, February 25 – Ash Wednesday Service
at 7 pm—Confirmands will each have a role in this service of worship.

Wednesday, March 4—The Body of Christ
(Second Year Holy Spirit papers due)

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Second class on February 4 — 6-7:30pm
in the Fireside Room (dinner at 5:30)

Come meet other who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation. **We will welcome new members on February 8th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

Q: Arrange the following in sequence by which is greatest in number (highest to lowest): Ribs in the human body; teeth in a cat; Olympian Gods.



Check out the following new books in the Peace Church Library! They are on the book displays in the Narthex and Fireside Room.

Adult: *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith; *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper; *What Do We Mean When We Say God?* Compiled by Deidre Sullivan; *One True Thing* by Anna Quindlen; *Life-Changing Prayers* by Marie Jones, Randy Peterson and others; *Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Children: *The Adventures of Ulysses* by Anna Claybourne; *Baby Brother* by Joan Walsh Anglund; *The Frog and Toad Treasury* by Arnold Lobel; *My Favorite Book* by John Sydney Tighe; and *Clap Clap* by Mary Claire Helldorfer.

John Shelby Spong books available in our Peace Church library—on display shelves in the Fireside Room: *The Easter Moment*; *Why Christianity Must Change or Die (A Bishop Speaks to Believers in Exile)*; and *Here I Stand (My Struggle for a Christianity of Integrity, Love and Equality)*.

This question had us shaking our heads in laughter at our last Game Night—loud enough to distract the scrabble players at the next table. It's a simple evening, this Game Night. Sometimes we play cribbage and sometimes a board game. Usually a heated Scrabble match is underway (though I refuse to play scrabble with the "word freaks"). We snack on chips and drink hot chocolate. Not the sort of thing that one usually lauds as the pinnacle of Christian ministry.

But that evening, as I was about to leave, picking up my bags and turning off the lights, I felt something holy, in and around me. And if there's one thing I've learned in ministry, it is to shut up and listen when God gives that gentle tug on the shirtsleeve. I dropped my bags, sat down in our darkened sanctuary, faced our eternal flame, and prayed: "Here I am, God." I stared at that flame, and thought about how it burns not only in quiet moments like this one, but also while we sing with the praise band or dance with Clear, how it burns as our little ones gather for Children's Time, or as we break bread and share the cup as one body of Christ. I was reminded that holiness is not only the stuff of quiet, still times, but of any time we let down our guard and let God into our common lives. Though we may be unaware, when we share our lives in fellowship and care for others, authentic to the life and memory of Jesus, we live in holiness.

It may seem a bold statement, but that evening, amidst these crazy questions and simple snacks, there was communion. Did we incorporate the solemnity we tend to deem requisite for such an activity? No. We laughed, and ate salty chips. But what are *your* best experiences around a table and a shared meal? Is it when your family or friends are quiet, head-bowed, and self-involved? Or when your eyes are wide-open and you're laughing in great conversation? When are you living most authentic to the memory and mission of Jesus? We remember the Lord's Supper as a solemn act, imbued with the foreshadowing of the tragic turn of events that was to come, but we also know that Jesus was no loner, he certainly did not keep his faith to himself, nor reserve prayer for private moments. He lived amongst those that he cared for. He gave of himself. He loved them.

As we do. In worship and study, in music and games, in conversations and committees, over coffee and meals, the flame of God burns, and holiness is within and around us. I thank God for reminding me, and thank God that I can share it with you. Peace, my friends, Paul

Incidentally: 30 (avg.) teeth in a cat, 24 ribs in the human body, and 12 (major) gods on Mt. Olympus... but I'm sure you already knew that!

SAVE THESE DATES!

March 13, 14, 15 — Opening Our Doors
Opening Our Hearts Conference
featuring Bishop John Shelby Spong
Keynote Speaker — Renowned Author,
Lecturer, Contemporary Theologian
Theme: "Communities of Welcome"

Conference co-hosted by: St. Paul's Episcopal Church and
Peace United Church of Christ

Web site: www.peaceucc.org/spong

John Shelby Spong, retired Bishop in the Episcopal Church. A longtime champion of progressive Christianity, Spong is a visionary voice in the religious community, calling people to step beyond boundaries of tribe, prejudice, gender and even religion to create a new humanity.

- **Friday, March 13** at Peace UCC Church
6pm: Registration
7pm: Bishop Spong Address
7:45pm: *Clear* Concert
8:30pm: Refreshments & Conversation
- **Saturday, March 14** Marshall School Auditorium
9am: Opening Worship with Children's Choir
9:30am: Panel Discussion
11am: Question & Answer session
12noon: Lunch
1-2:30pm: Keynote Address by Bishop Spong
2:30pm: Closing Worship with Call to Action
- **Sunday, March 15:** St. Paul's Church
Worship at 10am with Bishop Spong preaching

DISMANTLING RACISM, JUST PEACE

Sacred Conversations on Race

Tuesday, Feb. 10

As people of faith and members of the United Church of Christ, we are called to have sacred conversations around issues of race and social transformation. The Dismantling Racism team of Peace Church is offering a series of gatherings throughout this year to explore the social reality of racism, study the historical consequences of racism, and acknowledge our need for truthfulness, transformation, and action.

We have completed the first series of conversations, "Acknowledging the Legacy of Racism," and are offering a second series, "Acknowledging the Historical Context of Racism" in January and February. The purpose will be to deepen our knowledge of American Indian and African American experiences in our region, and to understand how those conditions have shaped current realities.

This second session of the winter series of conversations will be held on Tuesday evening, February 10th, beginning at 5:30, with a light meal, and ending at 8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided, with related activities for children. The Adult Forums on February 8th, 15th and 22nd will focus on these topics as well.

The third series of Sacred Conversations, "Acknowledging our Need for Forgiveness and Action," will be held next spring. We hope you will join us on this journey of personal discovery and social transformation.

For further information or to register for the Sacred Conversation on Race, call the church office, 724-3637

Antiracism Study-Dialogue Circles February 21 through May 30

We are excited to begin this series, and we invite you to consider making this important commitment. The Circle will meet at Peace church for three hours each Saturday from February 21 through May 30.

The focus of the ASDIC Circle is to deepen our understanding about systemic racism and to build relationships across racial and cultural lines. Because this series is a highly interactive and often intensive experience, consistent attendance is important which helps create supportive relationships and trust within the Circle.

Extensive reading materials are provided, and childcare is available if needed. The registration fee is \$150; if the fee presents a hardship, arrangements can be made for a sliding fee. For more information and a brochure, contact Nam Provost (525-4542) or Xavier Bell (726-1665) at Community Action Duluth.

Peace UCC- A Just Peace Church Taking A Small Step to promote peace and justice within ourselves, our church, our community and the world. A Just Peace Church strives to achieve this goal through spiritual development, education, community witness and political advocacy.

February's Small Step

Caring for the children here and there

Our children are our future. Jesus taught us the importance of children when he told his disciples "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mathew 19:14

There are children who need our help in far away lands as well as here in our city of Duluth. There are many ways to reach out to children near and far- the following are just a few:

- ◆ Children are coming into school asking their teachers for items needed for personal hygiene. Laura Zahn, one of our members, has responded to this need by setting up a box located near the lost and found at the church. Items requested are travel sized **shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and laundry soap.**

- ◆ **Books!!** The Damiano Center is in need of children's books. The Church School children are collecting books to deliver to Damiano.

- ◆ **Help the Gaza children!** Call your representatives and demand an immediate ceasefire and rebuilding of Gaza.

- ◆ **Give a child a hug,** a smile, and an affirmation.

There are MANY other ways to support children here and there...be creative, share your energy and ideas for making this world a peaceful place for children!

Witness for Peace Delegation to Colombia

Informational meeting Tuesday Feb 3

Colombia - A Country of Resistance and Hope

Join us in the Music Room on Tuesday, February 3 at 7 pm for an informational meeting about Colombia and an opportunity to travel with a Witness for Peace delegation in May. John and Lyn Clark Pegg, who have just returned from a two week trip to Colombia, will share photos and a talk about Colombian culture and the human rights situation there. They have traveled many times to Colombia, both with Witness for Peace and to visit with family and friends. Lyn is organizing a delegation to Colombia in May to learn about the physical and mental health effects of living in a country with a long history of violent conflict and how U.S. policies contribute to the situation there.

NOTES FROM WORSHIP AND ARTS COMMITTEE/OPEN & AFFIRMING

A long-time member of the congregation submitted this letter to the Worship and Arts Committee. The Church Council, at its January 20th meeting, requested that it be published in the Peace Bell for all members' thoughtful consideration.

Dear Worship and Arts Committee members:

There are times when my mind wanders during Sunday morning worship. Such was the case last Sunday when I found myself visited by the spirit of Betty High. Those of you who knew Betty will remember that she had a very good sense of what constituted proper worship etiquette. For example, the Instructions to Ushers were first created by Betty as an aid to members like us. Suffice to say that Betty explained that small details and tasks were important to our approach to worship.

Two things caught my attention during worship and both proved to be distractions. First, I watched a member set down a travel coffee mug on the new carpet. A moment later it was accidentally kicked over and the coffee was wiped up with a napkin. The good news is that the carpet is sort of mocha colored. Is there a way to ask people to not bring beverages into the sanctuary during worship?

Second, the redesigned sanctuary allows sound to reach all corners. Sound is clear and vibrant, exactly what was hoped for. On Sunday I was distracted by a high pitched whine from a baby or toddler in the back of the sanctuary. (I know some of you endured the squirming and jabbering of our kids when they were young. We should have taken them out of worship much sooner than we did. Please accept this retroactive apology.)

That said, the acoustics now are such that even my old ears can hear pens drop, side conversations, candy being unwrapped, etc. Again, perhaps there is a way (Peace Bell, Sunday bulletins), where we could remind the congregation that extraneous noise detracts from choir anthems, sermons, and prayer times.

Thank you for hearing my suggestions.

A message from the Worship and Arts committee:

We know everyone is very excited about the new sanctuary space and all of its beauty and benefits to the worship experience. This is a gentle reminder that the sanctuary is a sacred space and we need to remember that people are here to worship and pray. Please keep in mind with the new acoustics that sound travels, so please make an extra effort to be aware of how the sounds you make are amplified and may be a distraction. We encourage conversation in the beautiful narthex, and a suggestion for children who are extra vocal is to bring them in the back behind the glass. We hope to have speakers hooked up back there soon. Also, we want everyone to have a new and greater awareness of their use of food and beverages in the new sanctuary, we all need to help keep it clean of any spills. We can all help remind each other. Thank you so much!

The God of Our Many Understandings

In Washington D.C. on Sunday January 18th, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire Gene Robinson at a pre-inaugural celebration, began his invocation by calling upon "the God of our many understandings". It is in the spirit of the many understandings of God present in the members of Peace Church that the Open and Affirming Committee has been working on ways to expand the language for the Holy used in our worship. This fall, we held an adult forum about different ways God is envisioned in our congregation. Out of this emerged many wonderful images and words people in our church use for calling on the name of God. As a part of this effort, different versions of the Lord's prayer were gathered from people in our church and others in the wider community.

Recently members of the ONA committee approached the Worship and Arts Committee with the suggestion that we use some different versions of the Lord's Prayer in our worship services. A decision was made to use alternative versions on the fourth Sunday of each month during the 10:30 service. This version will be printed on an insert so that all may be able to participate in reciting the prayer. These prayers are not meant to replace the traditional prayer. Rather, our hope is that these different versions expand how we think about the God we worship and the names/images we hold.

If you have comments about your experience with the new prayers or suggestions for a version you would like to see offered please contact a member of the Worship and Arts Committee or the Open and Affirming Committee.

Gallery Wall Artist

William Gooder, an East Hillside resident, is our next gallery wall artist. Enjoy his Lake Superior Rock Arrangements.

Upon returning from India and Nepal, William traveled around Lake Superior and was captivated by the infinity of the rock and sand on each beach. He combined framing and mortar techniques to create his Lake Superior art.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU !

- “Thank you to the community of Peace Church for the lovely blanket for our new babe. Thanks, too, for all the thoughts, prayers, kind words, and food shared with us both before and after Heidi’s arrival! Justin, Jessica, Gus, and Heidi Olson”
- From Brandon, Leah and Samantha Kohlts: “Dear Kathy and Peace Church Congregation, Thank you so much for the nice blanket that was made for our baby girl Samantha. It’s greatly appreciated and is getting lots of use. She really likes to lie on it! Thanks again.”
- From Witness for Peace: “Thank you so much for all your support! Witness for Peace continues to work for peace and justice with the important solidarity of congregations like Peace Church.”
- To Mary Martin for all her loving attention to our building’s upkeep, especially the kitchen, where she has spent many hours cleaning and straightening.
- From Loaves and Fishes: “We are very grateful for your steadfast support, recent gift, and use of your facilities for public gatherings. Your gift will be beneficial in meeting increased insurance and heating costs. We’re told our home insurance is going up because other people in the area had hail damage claims. In the spring we hope to waterproof one of our basement’s walls.”
- “Dearest Peace Church Family, The love of the Divine has been shared with me and my whole family though the many hearts and hands of the blessed Peace Church Community. Our loss was tempered by the Grace you shared with us as we grieved the loss of our beloved. Thanks, Gary Anderson and the family of Greg.”
- From the program staff at St. Louis Co. Jail: “Thank you all so much for your donations, love and support this holiday and throughout the year. We are very grateful for your generosity.”
- From Deanna, Peter, Andre and Nora Notaro Good: “We have appreciated getting to know your church community. The blanket you tied for baby Nora is a special reminder of your support. Thank you Kathy for stopping by and visiting us and bringing a delicious lunch.”

CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to the World!

- Peter Good and Deanna Notaro on the birth of their daughter, Nora
- Jessica and Justin Olson on the birth of their daughter, Heidi
- Alisha Blazevic and Nicki Seibert on the birth of their daughter, Josephine

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Richard Riggie and Harriet Peterson both receiving hospice care in their home
- Amanda Cran recovering from surgery
- Kathy Tate dealing with a metastasis of her breast cancer
- Grace Springsteele and Buehler Bongey completing their cancer treatments
- Hummingbird undergoing treatment for a brain tumor
- Elsie Cook having back surgery on Feb. 6.

SYMPATHY TO

- The family of Anthony Bolton, especially his mother, Toni Thorstad. A memorial service was held at our church on January 17th. Special thanks to Steve Horner and Peter Provost for music, Doug Bowen-Bailey for creating a video to be used during the service and for interpreting, and to all those who helped serve and clean up after the luncheon.
- The family of William Nienaber, the father of Mary Nienaber and grandfather of Ryan and Emily. Pastor Kathy officiated at his funeral in St. Paul on January 19th.
- Trudy Schwerdt following the death of her brother Everett.
- Tom Hystead following the death of his mother
- Deb Stricker following the death of her brother Jim.

From Craig Kvale: *“I read with interest Trudy Schwerdt’s memories of Christmas in the December Peace Bell. Trudy shard an interesting piece of history, about events and her memories of churches in the area. I have a story to share also. It’s not historical, more a reminiscence of Christmases of my youth.*

Our family had a long car ride on Christmas Eve. We left in the afternoon and always arrived late at night.

I remember an owl that seemed to greet us when we arrived at my grandparents’ driveway In far northwestern Minnesota. It was a long driveway and had a lone tree about halfway in on the north side. We watched for that snowy owl and saw him there often. He was big, white, had a perfectly round head, attentive yellow and black eyes, and powerful wings. He would watch us approach and take off when we got close. He flew ahead of us for a time, gliding ahead on his broad wings, and then banked hard out of our lights. I suppose to watch another piece of the prairie.

He left an impression of having welcomed us, guided us to the farmhouse, and then left to do the same for others”

COMMUNITY

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser/Silent Auction

Feb. 6, 5-7pm at Peace Church

* Free Will Donation *

Help the Grant 4th grade raise money
to attend Wolf Ridge

Fun - Great Food - Goodies to bid on
Great Cause—Please Come!

OLD TYME BARN DANCE

AT PEACE CHURCH

The O'Neil Family Band will be coming to Peace Church on Saturday February 21 for a kid-friendly dance. Callers will be Jeanne O'Neil and our local Terrance Smith. All dances are taught. Dance starts at 7 PM with a kids/family session. Regular dance starts at 8 PM in which kids are still welcome to participate. Dance is \$8 for adults, \$6 for members and \$2 for kids. For more information, call Jim Larson at 724-9252, Tamarack Dance Association.

CAMPUS MINISTRY SERVICE TRIP

As the United Campus Minister for the Methodists, Presbyterians and the United Church of Christ, part of my work is to lead a service trip to Gulfport, Mississippi for the UMD students over spring break. The trip will be from **March 14th-21st**. We are looking for a few skilled workers to go on the trip with us. If you are interested in joining us or making a **financial contribution** to help students go on this trip, please feel free to contact me. Terese Tomanek, Campus Minister, phone: 218-390-8127 e-mail: ucamin@d.umn.edu

"Race, Identity, and the Changing Face of America" performance by Kip Fulbeck Tuesday February 10 at Mitchell

Kip Fulbeck, acclaimed performance artist and multiracial advocate, will speak at St. Scholastica Feb. 10. Join nationally renowned artist, author and filmmaker Kip Fulbeck for an electrifying spoken-word performance and interactive, multi-media lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Mitchell Auditorium on The College of St. Scholastica campus. The talk is free and open to the public.

During his talk/performance, "Race, Identity, and the Changing Face of America," he'll use comedy and film to explore ethnic stereotypes and opinions on interracial dating, gender roles, and personal identity.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition Day on the Hill February 3, 2009 Minnesota's Interfaith Lobby Day for Social Justice "Led by Prophets"

Join us for an inspirational day for social justice!

The day includes; Key note speaker Dr. Ingrid Mattson (Director of the MacDonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations),

A briefing on key social justice issues ~ Meetings with legislators

A bus will be leaving from First United Methodist Church in Duluth at 6:30am and returning at 5:30pm.

The cost for the bus is \$25.00. Coffee provided. To register for the day: www.jrlc.org or call 612-870-3670.

Registration costs prior to January 23; \$30 / \$15 student. Scholarships are available.

To reserve a seat on the bus or for more information: Contact Elizabeth Olson at 218-740-2496 or email eolson@chumduluth.org

Churches United in Ministry 2009 Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 5th

Hope United Methodist Church
(301 West St. Marie Street)

6:30 PM Social ~ 7 PM Worship & Meeting

Join us in welcoming our key note speaker, newly elected ELCA Bishop Tom Aitken.

Business meeting to include the election of Board Members and presentation of a Delegate Assembly Briefing Document on amending the CHUM Constitution and Covenant. Please join us!

FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is just around the corner. This is an important month for the DULUTH EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF at CHUM.

Please consider a special drive to promote Minnesota FoodShare in your Congregation, Club or Neighborhood.

For more information contact Meg Kearns @727-2391 or email at megkearns@chumduluth.org.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 1 Kenji or Stacy Sudoh, Jen Murphy, Amy Larson
- 8 Andy or Libby Fena, Nicki Seibert or Alisha Blazevic, Jane Rupert
- 15 Robin Davidson, Beth Kinney, Amy Fitzpatrick
- 22 Jessica Olson, Maggie Fink, Britt or Leon Rohrbaugh

Greeters

- 1 Sandra Moore, Barb Kehtel
- 8 Todd & Lori Lind
- 15 Daniel & Jane Ward
- 22 Nettie Bothwell, Peggy Skylondz

Lay Readers

- 1 Julie MacKenzie
- 8 Steve Coll
- 15 Lisa Brown
- 22 Emily Johnson

8:30 Communion Bread



- 1 Linda Goese
- 8 Liddles
- 15 Lyn Kaim
- 22 Susan Kehtel

Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday February 8

- 1:30 pm: Melissa Boyle and Jen Stenerson, Melissa Kadlec
- 4:30 pm: Brenda Butterfield and Gracey Pearson, Bill and Lisa Pomroy

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 2 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 9 Liddles
- 16 Essie Geiger
- 23 Beth Bartlett

Ushers

- 1 Lyn & John Pegg, Robin Davidson, Marsha Hystead
- 8 Bob & Rene Montgomery, Sandra Moore, Jayme Hennen
- 15 Hubert family, Julie MacKenzie
- 22 Cindy Macaulay, Cheryl Walsh, Jen Pearson, Craig Peterson

COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who has taken a turn helping out with our Sunday coffee hour this past year. It has gone very well.

OPEN ENROLLMENT TIME! We plan to leave everyone in their same monthly group for 2009, unless you would like to switch to a different month. Please let us know soon if you would like to change months. We have assigned our new members to a month. Copies of the monthly committees are in the narthex.



MONTHLY COORDINATORS: Thanks to all of you. We are having a meeting of all coordinators, from 2008 & 2009, on **Sunday March 8 at 11:30 in the Music Room**. We want to thank you for your service, and get your feedback and ideas as we evaluate our first year. **We need another coordinator for September—call the office if you can do this.**

February Coffee Hour

Coordinators: Marsha & Tom Hystead, 728-3152

Pat & Lynn Devlin, 728-2592

February 1 (Lynn)

Set up: Jon & Sarah Barry
 Serve: Jen Stenerson/Melissa Boyle
 Clean up: Cathy & John Ameel

February 8 (Marsha)

Set up: Beth & Kevin Kinney
 Serve: Colette Knudsen, Gail Blum, John Erickson

Clean up: Denise Perry, Liddles

February 15 (Marsha)

Set up: Jim & Cindy McLean
 Serve: Chris Campbell, Jill Hess
 Clean up: Kelli & Peter Farell

February 22 (Lynn)

Set up: Rick & Karen Morgan
 Serve: Carolyn Williams & Tom Stackland

Clean up: Brian Timm, **Volunteer Needed**

Be sure to check with your coordinators as to how many cookies to supply.

Coming up — March

Lisa And Bill Pomroy, 525-1091

Marge Paulson, 464-0561

Howard & Lorraine Anderson,
724-5905

John And Kathy Bray, 525-4220

Steve Coll, 726-0694

Karola & Rick Dalen, 384-9779

Andy & Libby Fena, 525-1356

Dick & Linda Goese, 525-3412

Paul & Judy Hlina, 398-5453

Jonie & Carla Langdon-Larson,
711(Tty) For 525-4127

Doug Zaun & Emily Larson,
728-3375

Todd And Lori Lind, 624-1982

Deborah McLeod, 393-1517

John Moeller, 628-3286

Barbara Pestalozzi, 728-6420

Katie & Chad Robinson,
260-5466

Wes & Joan Severson, 728-4104

Dave & Stacey Stark, 525-7284

Steve Davis & Terese Tomanek,
724-1363

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