



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Peace Bell

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



## Winter Camp January 30 - February 1 "Snow Days . . . God's Ways"

We have had a great response for Winter Camp and all 90 slots are filled. However, we will keep a waiting list for anyone else interested in going, to fill any cancellations.

It promises to be a great get-away time, with access to BWCA ski trails, time for ice fishing on Burntside Lake, the revival of Peace Church Winter Olympics, hills to sled on, and time to relax, reflect and worship. This is a great opportunity for new folks to meet new people and old time members to reconnect. Call the office if you'd like to be on the waiting list. The cost is \$60 per person age 5 and up, with scholarships available.



### Our Little Peace Church Angels

DVDs of the Christmas Pageant are available in the office for \$10 . It also can be viewed on our Website, [www.peaceucc.org](http://www.peaceucc.org)

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday 2009 Events in the Twin Ports**

### Thursday January 15 at 7pm — A Message for Today

Dr. King on Hope, Nonviolence and Peace — Readings, Music and Panel  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, 835 College St.

### Sunday, January 18 at 5:30 pm — Community Worship Service

Featuring Suf. Bishop A.Z. Jones, Jr. at Christ Temple Victory Center, 530 N 5th Ave E

### Monday, January 19 at 7am — Free Community Breakfast

Featuring large screen broadcast of Gen. Colin Powell's speech from Minneapolis

### 11am — March to the DECC for the Rally

Gather at 10:30 at Washington Center (4th and Lake Ave.)

March to DECC for 11:45 Rally featuring Dr. Curtis Austin

2pm — Inservice Workshops at First United Methodist Church, 230 W. Skyline Pkwy.

### Tuesday January 20 — 10am-5pm — Presidential Inauguration Celebration

UMD, Kirby Lounge, presentation by Dr. Austin at 3:30pm — *A New Birth of Freedom*

*For more info see [www.mlk-duluth.org](http://www.mlk-duluth.org)*



## Annual Financial Meeting on Sunday, January 25 at 11:30 am

Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow our 10:30 service. Please stay for this very important meeting, as we adopt our 2009 proposed budget, and review the 2008 actual budget.

## FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

The first three verses of Psalm 40 are important to me, “ I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.” These words of the psalmist help me when I feel swamped, bogged down shall we say. When I need to find my footing.

“The Lord drew me up out of the miry bog and set my feet upon a solid rock.” I was drawn particularly to these words, because bogs have taught me a lot. A few years back I went camping for 3 days with 13 eleven-year-old girls... I was for 7 years their troop leader. We stopped on the way over to Camp Rondelay at Amnicon Falls State Park. It is a beautiful place. We hiked along the Amnicon River, an amazing river running near a fault line with huge rugged cliffs. We made balsam boats, little twigs with balsam sap at one end that propel them in the water. We waded in the shallows, looking for minnows or other critters. The girls got a little grumpy hiking – and so I fed them lunch, and the stash of candy didn’t hurt. They worked together pretty well. You realize in a new way how important cooperation is when you are bound together on a camping trip. You have to share the load when there is lots to carry and wood to gather.

That night it was a little brisk—there were frost warnings. The next day we managed to move the girls out of their sleeping bags and out to the fire to make breakfast. Cocoa helped but we forgot a part of the stove and so pancakes were slow to cook. We fried them with the bacon over the fire.

The girls were cold and it began to drizzle. Homesickness began to creep into the group. Olivia announced, “three of us want to go home!” What could I do to save this trip? I was worried about homesickness becoming rampant in my camper, the two crying girls were enough. Desperate I yelled put on your bog clothes! Please change your clothes, and change your mood. They screamed in excitement. They love the bog, we had gone the year before at camp. We hiked out of the woods and into the bog that exists between the two lakes at camp. We had on the camp bog shoes which was good thing too, for the mud threatened to suck up the shoes with each step. We walked on until we got to our destination . . . the hole . . . a wonderful hole in the bog filled with mud—bog stuff. The girls rolled in. They loved being dirty. The tricky thing about the bog is that you have to relax. If you struggle you go deeper, and deeper. And you never get out by standing up or struggling. You have to lay back and roll out. The girls cheered each other on—get muddy! The mood changed, new clothes, dirty clothes and new attitudes. We walked back to camp singing, “We’re bog bouncing, we bog bouncing, we’re rolling in the mud and we’re bog bouncing . . . “

Life at the bog is a little like life. We can’t be afraid of getting dirty, of digging in, but we also have to relax a little, let go of the struggle and roll on through and out. “He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.”

In this new year may you find your footing and a new song of praise.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

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### The Amazing (G)race Update

**Thank you to everyone who has submitted pledges for 2009!** We have received 196 pledges for a total of \$277,000. If you haven’t sent in your pledge yet, please do so as soon as possible! Please consider the option of automatic withdrawal from your bank account.

**2008 Pledges** All checks that were received in the church office by December 31, 2008 were directed to your 2008 statement. All checks dated 2009 and received after January 1, 2009 will be directed to your 2009 statement. All checks from the last week of December will be deposited on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### A Message from Robbinsdale United Church of Christ

*“Because we, Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, are covenant partners in the ministry of the Minnesota Conference, United Church of Christ, each week we pray for one of our partner congregations as they spread light, plant seeds, follow the spirit, sing hymns and spiritual songs, serve Christ, and worship God. We, the members of Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, lift up in prayer your ministry and members. Advent and Christmas Blessings in your ministry.”*

Thank you, Robbinsdale UCC, for your prayers!

## SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

Worship is Each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Childcare is Available During Both!!

Our Early Service is always a communion service with times of quiet. Special music is often a part of this worship time. Our 10:30 am service has communion the first Sunday of each month and includes a children's time and singing by our choir. The praise band often plays the first and third Sunday's of each month at this service. The sermon and prayers are the same for each service.

### Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6  
and Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Sermon "Where is the Child?"

This morning we will celebrate communion at both our services.

### Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of Christ

Scripture: Genesis 1: 1 – 5  
and Mark 1: 4 - 11

Sermon: Paul VanAntwerp will be our preacher .

### Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 139 and John 1: 43 – 51

Sermon: Donna Howard, founder of the Non-Violent Peace Force will be our preacher.

A worship service honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at 5 pm this day at Christ Temple Church.

### Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Mark 1: 14 – 20

Sermon: Follow Me

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

- Adoption of the Proposed 2009 Budget
- Review of the 2008 Actual Budget



*Andrea Brown and Elijah Johnson  
as Mary and baby Jesus*

## INQUIRER'S CLASSES

Wednesday Evenings

January 28 and 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.

## Work Camp—Intergenerational!

Summer Work Camp to Back Bay Mission,  
Biloxi, Mississippi

June 6 - June 14 — Sign up in the Entry Way

**Planning Meeting on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11: 30 in the Fire-side Room**

Cost is \$200 per person with lots of fund raising to make up the rest of the cost.

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!**

Workcamps are one of the Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back 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.

This program has grown from serving approximately 20 work teams per year to 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Approximately 65,000 homes were totally destroyed in storm and another 64,000 severely damaged. Work teams perform a wide range of tasks - from mold abatement to roofing to installing sheetrock to electrical and plumbing work. Once the Mission selects a home to restore, they commit to completing the project. Often the effort requires many weeks and several different work teams.

**Any questions, talk to Scott and Phyllis Mead, who had a great experience at Back Bay last year, so they can tell you all about it!**

## ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Adult Forums in December

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

- Topic Study in the Fireside Room
- Bible Study on the Lectionary texts in the Conference Room

*All Are Welcome*

*Grab your Coffee in the New Entry Way!*

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

“Who, Where is the Holy Spirit?”

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

Presentation by Donna Howard and Kathy Redmund from the Non-violent Peace Force.

**Sundays January 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bob Stevens “How did the Bible Come to Be?”

### Wednesday Evening

#### Bible Study

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

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

### 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!

Peace Bell Articles  
due on the 20th!

### Women's Spiritual Life Group

January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am — Fireside Room

Start your new year with a time of fellowship and deepening of the spirit. On Saturday, January 24 at 9:30 we will gather together to strengthen our circle through Bible study, discussion and contemplation. This group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. Join us for reflection on Mark 1: 14 – 20 using the Lecto Divina method of bible study.

### Men's Bible Study

Mondays, January 5 & 19 at 6:30pm

Join us in the Fireside Room as we focus on the upcoming week's lectionary passages. Paul Van Antwerp will be facilitating 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 January 8 & 22 at 5pm

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 January 28 at noon

Benedictine Health Center

Third Floor Lounge

*Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh*

*Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert provided.*

### Book Night - January 15

*My Stroke of Insight:*

*A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey*

by Jill Bolte Taylor

Jill Bolte Taylor, a thirty-seven-year-old Harvard-trained brain scientist, experienced a massive stroke when a blood vessel exploded in the left side of her brain. A neuro-anatomist by profession, she observed her own mind completely deteriorate to the point that she could not walk, talk, read, write, or recall any of her life. Taylor shares her unique perspective on the brain and its capacity for recovery. She writes that by shifting to the right side of our brains, we can all uncover the feelings of well-being and peace that are so often sidelined by our own brain chatter.

### Movie Night - January 23

Friday, January 23 at 7:00 we will gather together for a movie. Watch the weekly announcements for the movie we will be watching.

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Peace Partners

Let's meet on **January 25<sup>th</sup> at noon (or immediately following the annual meeting) in the Fireside Room.** We'll provide a light lunch. More info to come!

**Peace Church Folk Music  
Gathering: Hootenanny!  
Saturday, January 17, 7pm  
Fireside Room**

Bring your instruments, voices, and songbooks and join us as we sing our favorite folk songs to keep light and warm through the dark and cold of winter. No experience necessary—just a desire to sing out and have fun!

Contact Paul Van Antwerp for more information: [paulvanantwerp@gmail.com](mailto:paulvanantwerp@gmail.com) or 218-728-2188.

### PALS

**(Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)  
Thursday January 29**

This month we'll be providing a meal at the CHUM Drop-in Center. This will be organized by Goeses and Proetz's. Watch for more info!

All adults welcome to PALS events—contact Dick & Linda Goese at 525-3214 or [goese@chartermi.net](mailto:goese@chartermi.net) if you'd like to be on the mailing list.

### Interested in a Winter Trip to the Boundary Waters?

Jim Larson would like to plan one. Planning meeting: **January 18<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the Conference Room.** All experience levels welcome! Contact Jim Larson for more information: 724-9252.

### Attention: Parents of Junior and Senior High:

Do you have thoughts, ideas, and questions about the Peace Church Youth Group? Please join Paul Van Antwerp and the rest of our Youth Mentors on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside Room for a "Get to know you" and "Brainstorming" session about the program. A light lunch will be provided (see related note in Youth section).

### **January 9th: Youth Group Babysitting Night 6-10pm at Peace Church**

To help parents get a night out (and raise a little money for the Youth Group), the Peace Church Youth Group will provide their childcare services at the church on Friday, January 9th from 6-10pm. The cost is \$20 for one child, and \$5 for each additional child. Please feed your children before you drop them off (or bring them with a supper packed). We'll have movies, arts and crafts, and a light snack available. Please RSVP, there's a sign-up sheet in the kiosk in front of the office. Plan an evening out! You deserve it. Contact Paul Van Antwerp for more information.

### Game Night

**Monday January 12, in the Fellowship Hall, 7 pm**

It's a great season to gather around a table and laugh! Join us for Cribbage or Scrabble or any other game you'd like to share with your friends at Peace. Please bring your favorite "game snack" to share. Childcare available upon request. Contact Paul Van Antwerp or Sharon Kirtley with questions.

### Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!

**January 14 & 28**

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—Jan. 8 & 22 at Embers

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

### Looking ahead...mark your calendar!

**Men's Retreat – March 6 – 8** If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

**Friday, April 24 - 25 Women's Retreat** at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night. Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 per night with scholarships available.

**June 6 – June 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Work Camp** to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Mississippi. Sign up in the Entry Way. This is an inter-generational trip—youth 13 and up are welcome to join us! **See more on page 3.**

This New Year

I am taking time to reflect on 2008 and see where God has led me...to remember the moments that I felt God's presence clearly...to remember those times I felt God speaking to me...to recall the things that I wish I had done different...and then to let them go. I have one professor in seminary that often says, "you haven't learned anything until you reflect on it!" She repeats, "reflect, reflect, reflect!"

I believe she is right. A spiritual practice that I have newly added to my life is the practice of reflection. At the end of each day, I recall the moments of my day, who I talked to, where I was, how I felt, when I was frustrated, my actions and words, my failures and successes. I think we all do this to some degree anyway, but as a spiritual practice it is more intentional. It is a time to pray and give the day to God.

You can find this spiritual practice and many more in the book, "Soul Feast. An invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life" by Marjorie Thompson. When reflecting on your day, keep in mind that God loves you. "God's passionate and personal love for each and every human being expresses who God is." There are usually times in my day I wish I could do over. Remembering that God loves me helps me to be gentle with myself. When I reflect on things that I have done or said that I wish I could take back, I let go of them. If there are things I need to go back and redo, then I can do that, but often nothing can be done and the only thing left is to let it go rather than to continue to stew about it.

A simple routine could look like this:

- Gather the day. Identify ten or so major events of your day, including prayer, conversations, meals, work, meetings, etc...
- Review the day. Reflect on each occurrence without judgment.
- Give thanks for the day.
- Confess your failures...that were in your thoughts, your speech, or your deeds.
- Seek the meaning of the events. Ask yourself, "What is God saying to me? What am I being called to do? How is this connected to the rest of my life?"

The whole point of reflection and self-examination is to become more God-centered...to become more aware of God's presence in our lives...to become more grounded in who we are as children of God. God is with us. Emmanuel.

Blessings,

Welcome Back! Church School starts up again January 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Church School Teachers — Teacher Meeting  
January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45am in the Music Room

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

**Videos of Sunday's Christmas Pageant** are now available in the office for \$10, which will be donated to the general fund of the Church. Thanks so much to Doug Bowen-Bailey for all his work to produce this video, as well as others helping with filming, sound, and still photos. Please call or email the office if you'd like to order one. The video is also posted on our web page.

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

Once again, I am so amazed and blessed by all the volunteers who helped with the Christmas pageant. Peace Church rocks!

Thank you to Jen Hudyma for organizing costumes for this year's pageant! You put in lots of time... thank you thank you! Thank you to Ann Skwira-Brown and Mary Sue Taallerud for sewing some new shepherd's costumes. Thank you to Mike Goodlet for writing a wonderful pageant and to Holly and Doug Bowen-Bailey for giving it that Peace church flare! Thanks for making the DVDs, videotaping, and directing. Thank you to Lisa Brown, my trusty assistant, for directing traffic on Saturday and Sunday... Thank you to Paul Winchester, Phillip Hubert, Parker Adams, and John Erickson for leading the music... for Amy Galarowicz and the CE committee for organizing volunteers for the pageant lunch... Sarah Jessico for guiding the children in making beautiful paper wreaths... all the Sunday School teachers and parents for gently guiding the children through the rehearsal... to Doug Bowen Bailey, Nick Zeitler, Rolf Hagberg, Julie Deters, Alison Wood and John Ameel who video taped and photographed the pageant... to all the kids who memorized lines and wore silly costumes... and to all the people who bought the hot dogs, cooked the hot dogs, swept up after lunch, made phone calls to get volunteers, helped kids learn songs and lines and a whole host of other things that I don't even know about... **THANK YOU!** The pageant is successful because you all pitch in and help out.

January Acolyte Schedule

- 1-11 Kierra Heazlett, Brita Larsen
- 1-18 Jackson Manthy, Adrianna Mullozzi
- 1-25 Lydia Peterson, Miles Rohrbaugh

Mark your calendar

**August 3-7—Vacation Bible School!**



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

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in Youth Room

*From Paul VanAntwerp: Hey Youth Group! We'll it's been about a month now, and I'm getting to know your names and schools and stuff like that pretty well, but what I'm really enjoying is getting to know how you think, what you care about, and what you're interested in. A few weeks back, we had a chance to brainstorm on what influences us, and how we can influence our church, community, and world. I'm slowly taking those ideas we generated and turning them into activities. You're a huge part in the decision making process, so let me know what you're thinking! A few highlights: We have our Babysitting Night and Pizza Party coming up on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, I'm preaching on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and would love your help with the service. Let me know if you're interested. Watch for more information in the Youth Newsletter in early January—And hey, don't forget to bring snacks! Or we'll resort to a sign-up sheet (or worse—take it out of our budget!)*

See you Wednesday! Paul

**Hey Youth Group Parents!**

*It's been great getting to know you (and making the connections between parent and children) in this past month. Please watch for a letter early in the new year where I'll have the opportunity to share a little more about myself and some of our structure and plans for Youth Group,*

*but I'd also like to invite you to a "Get-to-know-you and Brainstorming Session" on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside Room. The Youth Mentors and I are very excited about our Youth*

**"Get-to-know-you and Brainstorming Session" for parents**  
January 11  
11:30-Fireside Room

*Group year ahead, but it's important that anything we do here reflects your hopes and values as parents. The more support we have from parents, the higher we can reach with our ideas and activities. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! Paul*

Youth Group Schedule—Jr. High/Sr. High

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday): *For World:* EPIPHANY! And Sunday service planning.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** (Friday): Babysitting Night, & Pizza Party 6-11pm

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday): Paul's preaching—come help with the service!

AND: Parent Meeting, 11:30 (*Tell your parents I need to talk to them!*)

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday): *For Community:* TBA! (see upcoming Youth newsletter)

AND: planning for Conference Youth Event

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** (Wednesday): *For Church:* Artistic Genius at Work (or: "Micah and Jello")

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday): *For Fun:* To be determined by Youth Group.

Attention High School Students!

Come on Sundays, 9:30, Conference Room

Mia Vaydich and Paul VanAntwerp will be facilitating a discussion on race and racial language. We'll also take a look at what the UCC and our local church are up to on the subject.

**MYTHBUSTERS**

**MN Conference UCC**  
**High School Youth Event**  
**February 13-15, 2009**

**United Theological Seminary, New Brighton**

Early Registration Deadline: January 16, 2009 - \$25 / person



After January 16 - \$35 / person

(Registration Deadline February 6, 2009)

At this CYE we will be hearing from several guest speakers from the seminary community as we work our way through Biblical myths and big questions. Previous theological training not needed however!

Please bring musical instruments, toys for snow (including sleds), bathing suit & towel and a ready spirit for lots of fun!

Senior High Youth (grades 9-12 ONLY) and their Adult Leaders (21 and older) are invited to attend

All attendees are expected to be at the public bus in the morning

Registration is 6-7pm on Friday (dinner not provided). The event concludes Sunday at noon.

Direct to: 15 will be sent with general registration info for the beginning of February via email

MANY thanks to co-directors Tim Mann & Matt Bauer and the CYE Planning Team

Questions? Call Michele Brime at Wade Park at 412-871-0359 or email [micheleb@uccmn.org](mailto:micheleb@uccmn.org) or [wadez@uccmn.org](mailto:wadez@uccmn.org)

## Moderator's Report and other Peace Church Updates

November was a very good month. We moved into the new sanctuary and many people caught up on their pledges. As of the end of November we were \$5700 behind instead of \$25,000. A tentative budget for 2009 was put together and the finalized budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Current challenges before our congregation are to clearly define what we want our associate pastor to do and how we will increase our budget to pay for this new position. We need volunteers for a Search Committee.

Submitted by Tom Curran

### SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Coordinating Council will soon begin the process of forming a search committee for identifying candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. The Council will consider volunteers along with a cross-section of members to ensure a diverse and committed Search Committee. If you are interested and would like to be considered for the search committee please contact Mike Swanoski at 729-9643, email [mdswanoski@aol.com](mailto:mdswanoski@aol.com)



### BUILDING UPDATE

We have been enjoying our new sanctuary for over a month now. Soon all the pews will be installed, and the new chairs will be providing extra seating. The picture above was taken from the side, shortly before nearly 400 people came to our early Christmas Eve service! Thanks to Dan Green and our building committee for a job well done! And thank you to Wayne Bogen, the on-site manager, who was always great to work with—we'll miss you!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Grace Marshik  
 2 Philip Hubert  
 Peter Kvale  
 4 Joy Swanoski  
 Tim Lundell  
 5 Tony Squillace  
 6 Daniel O'Connell  
 7 Amanda Cran  
 Doreen Marciniak  
 Kathy Nelson  
 Natalie Walker  
 Katey Fornear  
 8 Susan Goltz  
 Alexey Martins  
 Kayden Kozelka  
 Cindy Saari  
 Jill Hess  
 10 Cody Aplin  
 Andrew Green  
 Tom Hayes  
 11 John Ameal



11 Barb Forrest  
 12 Mike Hatlestad  
 Judy Hlina  
 Emily Youngstrand  
 Zoe Simpson  
 Hannah Feyen  
 Connor Feyen  
 13 Patty Bambenek  
 Holly Jorde  
 14 Bob Simpson  
 Rodney Clement  
 15 Bill Pomroy  
 Lisa Pomroy  
 Anya White  
 Rick Reed  
 16 Brandon Buxbaum  
 18 Andy McLean  
 19 David Goltz  
 Lauren Christensen  
 20 Chris Finch  
 Judy Seligo-Punyko



20 Todd Lind  
 21 Margaret Paulson  
 22 Matthew Morris  
 22 Christa Knudsen  
 23 Bill Kohlts  
 Brennen Larson  
 Allison Dargon  
 24 Jerome Springsteele  
 Cynthia Poirier  
 25 Evan Poirier  
 Llonda Thompson  
 Ryan Zimny  
 Kiana Langdon-Larson  
 26 Sandy Moore  
 29 Joyce Clement  
 Melissa Boyle  
 30 Cizzarie Schomberg  
 31 Michael Proetz  
 David Arvold  
 Miles Rohrbaugh



## WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES—Resume January 7th—Come join us!

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets  
6pm: Bible Study in the Fireside Room; Parenting Group in the Conference Room (1/7 & 1/21)  
6pm: Inquirer's Classes in the Fireside Room 1/21 and 1/28  
6:15pm: Senior Choir 7-8:30pm: Youth Group  
7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds. 1/7 & 1/21)  
Committee and Team Meetings on January 14th at 6pm

### Faith Weavers

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm

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

### Attention Parents . . .

Still looking for parents or other adult volunteers to lead Faith Weavers the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Have a special skill or talent... or just like hanging out with kids? Come join us on Wednesday night!

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



We'll be starting up again Jan 7th. Cynthia Coffin will continue to lead us in singing, games, dance, and learning musical notation. Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. See you Wednesdays at 5pm...

### **Peace Church Choir**

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

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

### **PEACE WORKS BULLETIN BOARD**

PEACE WORKS is a bulletin board in the fellowship hall (on the wall over by where the hymnals have been kept). Remember to check -- you never know how you might be able to help with a referral or information! If you are looking for work, please post your resume there. If you are offering a product or service, post your business cards. Members and friends of Peace Church, if you need to hire someone, buy a certain product or know someone who does, please take a card or resume and network! This is one more way we can support each other.



### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 fellowship hall for class . Remember to fill out your worship form each Sunday you attend. Fifty percent worship attendance is expected. Sign up now for our trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. We will leave on June 6<sup>th</sup> and return June 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in the entryway bulletin board.

**Wednesday, January 7** – Jesus, Risen Savior

**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** -- Guided by the Spirit  
(Second Year Jesus papers due)

**Wednesday, February 4**—Bound by the Spirit

## Notes from Paul VanAntwerp

As I write this, we are one day away from the Solstice. The sun seems to barely step off the horizon, and duck back down before dinner, the chickadees are quiet little puffballs at the feeders, and I barely let my dog out when she barks to come back in.

Winter. When I moved to Duluth, there were two pieces of advice about this season that the locals gave me. First: “there’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes”, and second: “you need to stay active. If you don’t, it’ll get you.”

“It’ll get you...” we know the common sense present in the first piece of advice—bundle up or face windchill! But how do we “stay active” so the season doesn’t “get us”?

Our faith, and our church, reach out a hand to help. Here in the darkest days, our faith celebrates new life, turning the attention of our worship and prayer to light and hope. We read: “*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined...*” (Isaiah 9:2). And here at the church, we open our doors, not only to celebrate this new hope, but also to share our common lives in community. Our Peace Bell is packed with pages of activities and opportunities. We also have many members eager to reach out to make new friends and share their interests. “Staying active” is simply a matter of making connections, and motivating one another to get out and enjoy ourselves.

So take care to bundle up that the windchill doesn’t get you, and as for the dark and the stillness of the season, turn through the pages of this Peace Bell, and join us any number of days for games and music and conversation and celebration and worship. Let us band together through the winter months, in fellowship, light, and warmth, and take heart that as we’re busy enjoying this community, the days will slowly lengthen, and the weather will get warmer. God Bless us in the many ways we live out Christ’s Mission,

Paul

## Peace Church Library



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

They will be found on the book displays in the Narthex and Fireside Room.

Adult: *Choosing Civility, The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct* by P. M. Forni; *Everytime I Go Home I Break Out in Relatives and Married Beyond Recognition* by Sylvia Harney; *Agenda for a Biblical People* by Jim Wallis; *A Day with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory; *As for Me and My House* by Walter Wangerin; *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon.

Children’s: *The Quilt Story* by Tony Johnston and Tommie dePaola; *Just Grandma and Me* by Mercer Mayer; *Arctic Babies* by Kathy Darling; *Winter at Long Pond* by William T George; *The Night You Were Born* by Wendy McCormick.

## SAVE THESE DATES!

March 13, 14, 15, 2009

Opening Our Doors

Opening Our Hearts Conference

featuring Bishop John Shelby Spong

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Lecturer, Contemporary Theologian

Conference co-hosted by:

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Peace United Church of Christ 218-724-3637

Web site: [www.peaceucc.org/spong](http://www.peaceucc.org/spong)

- Friday: Peace UCC Church – Bishop Spong Address and Concert
- Saturday: Marshall Auditorium - Keynote Address, Panel, Discussion, and More
- Sunday: St. Paul’s Church - Forum with Bishop Spong

*Congregations Working Together  
to Create Cities of Welcome for All!*

### COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committees will meet on **Wednesday, January 14th**. 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, January 20 at 7pm**. This is a crucial meeting as we finalize the 2009 Budget.

# DISMANTLING RACISM, OPEN & AFFIRMING, JUST PEACE

## Sacred Conversations on Race

Tuesdays, Jan. 27 & 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 series of conversations will be held on **Tuesday evenings, January 27th and 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.

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### **UTS Lay Academy - SPRING 2009**

Saturdays - Feb. 21 & March 21, 9:30 -3:30

Duluth, Asbury United Methodist Church

#### **Transforming Conflict: Dealing with Difficult People in Your Congregation**

This two-day class will help clergy and congregational members identify, analyze, and manage difficult personalities and behaviors. Participants will take the Thomas Kilman Conflict Mode Instrument to learn how different conflict-handling styles affect personal and group dynamics. Taught by Mark Sundby, a licensed psychologist and an ordained pastor in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. Cost: \$225

## From the Open and Affirming Committee

*To the Inauguration Planning team:*

*As members of the faith community at Peace United Church of Christ in Duluth MN, and as participants of the Open and Affirming committee, we want to offer input regarding the representation of spiritual leaders at the Inauguration events, as well as within the Obama administration.*

*We support President-elect Obama and look forward to the transformation that he promises. We also applaud his intention to reach out and include a wide range of views and perspectives. Inclusivity is foremost in our own work within our denomination, our community and our church. Therefore, we urge you to be inclusive of the United Church of Christ, which has been instrumental in Barack Obama's own faith formation.*

*We hope that John Thomas, the President of the United Church of Christ, has been invited to participate in the Inauguration festivities. His progressive theology and active advocacy for social justice are essential in leading our nation forward!*

*Respectfully,*

*The Open and Affirming Committee of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, MN*

## Witness for Peace 25th Anniversary Fundraiser

Friday, January 30,

at the Teatro Zuccone, downtown Duluth

5:30 – Gathering with light refreshments and Silent Auction

6 - Fashion Show featuring vintage and Fair Trade clothing, modeled by community leaders and students

7 – "Living La Vida Matizada: Globalization, Work and Culture"

Speaker: David Syring, UMD, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

8 - 8:30 - Updates from Latin America

Suggested donation: \$10, \$5 for students

## Witness for Peace Delegation to Colombia -

"Living with Hope in a Culture of Violence" May 21 - 31, 2009

Violence and the continual threat of violence have played a major role in the lives of Colombians and in the shaping of their culture. On this delegation we will learn about the root causes of that violence, the impact on physical and mental health, and responses by organizations and communities to alleviate and eliminate violence. In particular, we will examine the role of US policies, and how communities in Colombia have organized resistance to violence.

For more information, contact Lyn Clark Pegg, Delegation Coordinator [carolynpegg@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynpegg@yahoo.com), 218-348-3048



## A Christmas Message from the UCCP SEMJur Bishop



The entire Christian world is approaching another observance of the birthday of our Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. This is perhaps the most favorite event for Christians because it is celebrated with joy and feasting.



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Hence, it's no secret that the world economy appears to be knocked on its backside. In recent years, the observance has lost some of its glitter. People blame this on the worsening economic crisis that has deprived them of the usual trappings they equate with Christmas.



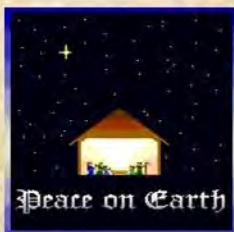
That should not be the case however. Christ came into a world of suffering and experienced disgrace on our behalf. But through Christ we receive salvation and hope. We celebrate the unity of Christ with humankind and we hope that we too can live a life that is authentically human and divine.

At this special time of year, we give thanks for Christ's message of love and mercy, and we are reminded of our responsibility to serve. His actions and His words remind us that service to others is central to our lives and that sacrifice and unconditional love must guide us and inspires us to lead lives of compassion, mercy, and justice.

The Christmas message of "**peace on earth**" is about overcoming hopelessness and resignation and giving people courage to take both small steps and long strides forward. It invites all people to be become peace-makers and, by so doing, to become children of God (Matt 5.9) who join in the angels' hymn of praise to God's glory.

The UCCP-SEM JUR Cabinet and staff with my wife Susan, and our children pray that your Christmas will be blessed with family and fellowship, and we wish you a day of glad tidings of great joy amidst global recession.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
BLESSED NEW YEAR!**



**(Sgd.) Bishop Constante D. Claro**  
UCCP SEMJur Bishop

## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU !

- To Jim and Cindy McLean for getting the trees for our sanctuary and for decorating them so beautifully.
- To Gail Blum for all her attention to our sanctuary—arranging the altar, poinsettias, greens.
- To Marian Jensen for creating the beautiful wreath for our entry way and to all those who helped to decorate our church during the Advent Workshop.
- To everyone who donated something for our Giving Tree. We were able to give over 60 gifts to the youth of Life House, as well as gifts to Loaves and Fishes.
- To everyone who made cookies for the annual Christmas Party for the inmates of the County Jail. They loved them.
- To the choir, Jim Pospisil, and our musicians for a wonderful Christmas Cantata.
- To our choir and musicians for wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Services – the Hanka's, Claire Smith, Emily Ramsey and Cynthia Coffin, Cathy Ameal, Paul Winchester, Mary Nienaber, Ella Fox and Maddy Carpenter.
- To Cindy McLean and all her friendly beasts for our Christmas Eve puppet show.
- To Dick and Linda Goese and all who helped them for making delicious appetizers for our staff Christmas Party
- To everyone who participated in any way in our annual Silent Auction and Cabaret. It was a wonderful evening, and a successful fundraiser, adding \$4800 to our building fund. To Melissa Kadlec for chairing the auction, to her committee and the many who helped out, as well as all who donated items, and those who bid on them! To Steve Coll, Susan Ranfranz and Jane Rupel for heading up the Cabaret, and to all the fabulous performers who shared their talent.
- To our Christmas Eve office angels—Marg Paulson and Craig Kvale folded bulletins, Dick and Linda Goese readied the candles, and Gail Blum decorated the sanctuary.
- To Cindy McLean and Eve Stein (and anyone else who helped) for their work on the Christmas Eve Soup Supper.
- From Gary Anderson: *“Dear Peace Church Family, Words cannot say what the generous spirit of Peace Church has meant to me and my family as we have mourned the loss of my brother Greg. My brother's love and kindness were evident in the last days of his life and his example has been reflected by all of you. I am so proud to be a member of the family that is 'Peace'.”*
- From Carrie and Matt Ryan: *“We want to thank you for the beautiful blankets you gave Grace and Josephine when they were born. We feel so fortunate to have joined the Peace family and have them be welcomed into the community. We also thank everyone for all of their prayers to have a healthy pregnancy.”*
- From the Northern Communities Land Trust: *“Thank you for your recent donation of \$500 to Northern Communities Land Trust. We're very grateful for your support of our affordable housing work and your generosity! Sincerely, Laura Seitz, Outreach Director. Also, “Dear Friends at Peace, Thanks so much for your support of our work and for all the great work you do in our community. I'm honored by your support. In gratitude, Jeff Corey”.*
- From Jim Soderberg at CHUM, thanking us for our monthly contributions: *“In preparation of the celebration of the season of lights and the close of the year, we at CHUM are thankful to live in a community where so many of its members help provide for our neighbors living on the margins... Through our day to day work we have become acutely aware of how deeply our neighbors are struggling. In this season of economic instability CHUM continues to concentrate, not only on basic services like food and shelter, but also to advocate for an end to homelessness and poverty... Because of your gift we are able to provide services for each person requesting help. Please remember those who survive on the margins in these uncertain times. We appreciate your positive thoughts and prayers.”*
- From Loaves and Fishes: *“Dear Friends, Many kind thanks for your recent gift and steadfast generosity. We ask for prayers for those staying with us and on the streets. One 1 yr. old boy who lives here was recently hospitalized for 3 days for an eye infection. Those on the margins of our society are quite vulnerable and at risk. With gratitude and hope, Greg for all at L&F”*
- From Damiano we receive monthly Thank you cards – *“Your contribution helps homeless, unemployed, and low-income families in Duluth. We're visited by hundreds of people daily and we provide all services free of charge—help that is simple, direct, and respectful.”*
- From Life House for Youth: *“Thank you so much for your generosity in helping support Life House's annual Thanksgiving dinner! This year brought about 70 youth into the Center to enjoy this traditional holiday with us!”*
- From the Arrowhead Interfaith Council: *“Thank you for your contributions to the Arrowhead Interfaith Council and the Chaplaincy Corrections Program. Your gifts enable the AIC to continue serving the community at large as a catalyst for interfaith dialogue. Your support witnesses to our hope that people of different faith traditions can unite around shared dreams to create a better community. The enclosed pamphlet provides further explanation of the work of the AIC.”* (continued on next page)

CONGRATULATIONS

To Matt and Carrie Ryan on the birth of twin daughters, Grace and Josephine.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Hummingbird undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.
- Kathy Tate undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Amanda Cran who will be undergoing surgery again on January 9<sup>th</sup> to replace her medication pump that is not functioning.
- Tim Walsh recovering at home from surgery.
- Forest Fena, baby son of Libby and Andy, who is being treated for a fast and irregular heart rate.
- Deb Stricker's brother and his family. He is now in hospice.

SYMPATHY TO

- Gary Anderson following the death of his brother Greg due to a car accident on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A memorial service was held at our church on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who helped with the service and the lunch following
- Ann Feyen following the death of her father

*View the film **Joyeux Noel**  
Sunday January 11 at 6:30  
at Peace Church*

View this powerful film about the 1914 Christmas Truce. This movie was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign film of 2006. Sponsored by the Community of the Third Way. All are welcome to attend.

**UCC Habitat for Humanity Work Camps**  
**Jonestown Mississippi - Feb. 1-7 & 8-14**  
**Farrell/Sherard, Mississippi - Feb. 15-21**

Cost is \$245 for the first week and \$230 for an additional week (includes food and lodging and a donation to the Habitat Project. No specific skills are needed and age is no restriction. Every effort will be made to arrange riders with drivers for those who wish transportation to attend a work camp. For more info, contact Bob Peterson at 651-792-5262, or rpeter446@aol.com

Volunteers Needed for Beargrease

The folks from the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon have placed a call for volunteers to help with January's race. There are plenty of opportunities to see the race first hand, and watch our own Chris Evavold compete in the Mid Distance Race.

Those who are interested in helping with this great community event, should contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [Volunteers@beargrease.com](mailto:Volunteers@beargrease.com).

Reading Partners Needed at Grant!

The purpose of the Reading Partners Program at Grant School is to match a student with an adult that will come to the school and read with the child for one half hour every week. This is not a program focused on tutoring but on mentoring. Many of these children could use a positive adult role model that isn't a relative. The children at this school really look forward to their reading time every week and the teachers are very supportive.

Here are the times volunteers are needed:

Tuesday at 10:30 AM, 5 volunteers needed  
Tuesday at 1:00 PM, 2 volunteers needed  
Wednesday at 10:30 AM, 3 volunteers needed  
Wednesday at 1:00 PM, 3 volunteers needed  
Wednesday at 2:30 PM, 7 volunteers needed  
Thursday at 2:30 PM, 5 volunteers needed

The program started in October and while most of the students have reading partners, those that do not are feeling left out. Our program matches every student in grades 1-5 with a volunteer, and we are close to our goal. If you are interested please call 218-723-4915 or email [grantreadingpartners@gmail.com](mailto:grantreadingpartners@gmail.com). One half hour a week is all it takes. Please consider donating your time. Thank you!

Specialized Phone Equipment Available

Do You need Specialized Telephone Equipment? The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Telephone Equipment Distribution Program, provides specialized telephone equipment Free of charge for eligible Minnesotans who are hard of hearing, have difficulty with their speech and/or have a physical disability. We have amplified corded and cordless telephones, telephone ring signalers, captioned telephones, speakerphones, deafblind equipment and other specialized telephones.

For more info or to apply, call 800-657-3663 or 888-206-6555 for tty users. Or go to [www.tedprogram.org](http://www.tedprogram.org) or send an email to [tedprogram@state.mn.us](mailto:tedprogram@state.mn.us) .

# JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

## Nursery

- 4 Essie Geiger, Annie Rupert, Erin DeWitt
- 11 Emily Ramsey, Angela O'Connell, Stacy Stark
- 18 Amand Pfau, Mary Adams, Lisa Brown
- 25 Amy Galarowicz or Susan Kehtel, Mariah Berner, Hannah Carpenter

## Ushers

- 4 Simpson family, Cheryl Walsh
- 11 Michael Pfau, Tanya Jackson, Seversons
- 18 Devlins, Lisa Brown, John Moeller
- 25 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg, Daniel and Jane Ward

## Greeters

- 4 Tanya Jackson, Robin Davidson
- 11 Mary Martin, Julie MacKenzie
- 18 Bob and Rene Montgomery
- 25 Sarah Jessico, Susan Ranfranz

## Lay Readers

- 4 Nettie Bothwell
- 11 Marge Anderson
- 18 Karie Simpson
- 25 Nadine Hubert

## 8:30 Communion Bread



- 4 Beth Bartlett
- 11 Jerry Cleveland
- 18 Terese Tomanek
- 25 McLeans

## Damiano Soup Kitchen

### Sunday January 11

- 1:30 pm: Brian Graff, Patrick Boyle, Cathy Dziuk, Pat Sjoding
- 4:30 pm: Melissa Boyle & Jen Stenerson, Laura Zahn

## Monday Meal

### at Loaves and Fishes

- 5 Ginny and Marlis Cran
- 12 Daina Rosen
- 19 Penny Cragun
- 26 Jane Ward

## 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 will be assigning new members to a month, so if you have a preference, call the office.

**MONTHLY COORDINATORS:** You did a terrific job, thanks so much! We are hoping you will all be willing to serve again in 2009. We'll be contacting you all this month.



### January Coffee Hour

**Coordinators:**  
**Claire Smith, 260-9020**

**Georgette Sarkela & Bill Hardesty, 525-1450**

#### January 4 (Claire)

Communion Set up-Kim and Steve Squillace

Set up: Squillaces, Anne Beauchamp

Serve/Clean up: Peter and Nam Provost, **Volunteer needed**

#### January 11 (Georgette)

Set up: Laura Zahn, Jennifer Boyle

Serve/Clean up: Amy & Eric Larson, Mollie Stapleton Clark

#### January 18 (Claire)

Set up: Judy & Bill Seliga-Punyko, Barbara Allen

Serve/Clean up: Julie Kim, Julie and Matt Etterson

#### January 25 (Georgette)

Set up: Mary & Jeff Adams, Jayme Hennen

Serve/Clean up: Deb Stricker & Sandy Moore, John & Lyn Clark Pegg

### Coming up — February

**Coordinators: Marsha & Tom Hystead, 728-3152**

**Pat & Lynn Devlin, 728-2592**

Cathy & John Ameal, 724-2750

Jon Barry, 218-301-9452

John Erickson/Gail Blum, 728-5519

Jen Stenerson & Melissa Boyle, 728-0419

Emily Ramsey & Cynthia Coffin, 628-0438

Kelli & Peter Farell, 715-392-0272

Beth & Kevin Kinney, 525-9836

Colette Knudsen, 724-4361

Tony LaDeaux, 340-0938

Monica & Tom Liddle, 279-1911

Jim & Cindy McLean, 525-3526

Rick & Karen Morgan, 525-6884

Denise Perry, 724-5198

Doug Manthey & Susan Ranfranz, 525-7369

Heidi Severson, 722-1251

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Brian Timm, 724-4332

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

**PEACE CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Kathy Nelson  
Children's Ministries: Cynthia Coffin  
Music Director: Jim Pospisil  
Youth and Small Group Ministries: Paul Van Antwerp  
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls  
Receptionist: Nancy Nelson  
Custodians: Brad Larson and Dan Shepard  
Gabriel Project: Veronica Gaidelis  
Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg  
Pianist: Eric Bigalke

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