



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Peace Bell

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Opening Our Doors  
Opening Our Hearts

9th Annual Opening Our Doors

Opening Our Hearts Conference

March 13, 14, 15

featuring Bishop John Shelby Spong

Keynote Speaker — Renowned Author,

Lecturer, Contemporary Theologian

Theme: "Communities of Welcome"

Other presenters: Barb Brueggemann, head of Marshall School, and Phil and Randi Reitan, featured in the documentary, *For the Bible Tells me So*.

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

An event for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, their allies and faith communities.

• **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

*John Shelby Spong, a retired Bishop in the Episcopal Church, is 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.*

**Go to Web site: [www.peaceucc.org/spong](http://www.peaceucc.org/spong) for more information and to register.** Cost is \$40 for Friday and Saturday (includes lunch); \$15 for Friday night speaker, concert and refreshments; \$25 for Saturday only, with lunch. \$10 both days for students. No one turned away for inability to pay.

## Lenten Vespers

Each Wednesday in Lent at 7pm

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Thanks to Patty Beech, for bringing this service to us from Holden Village.

## Birthday Potluck Sunday March 15



Please join us for a potluck after the 10:30 service to celebrate all of our birthdays!

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## FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

Healing stories abound in the Gospels, and in most of these Jesus touches or is touched by someone. Jesus took the man with leprosy by the hand and lifted him up. It was the first time someone had touched him for years. Can you imagine what it must have been like for him? Think about how often you touch or are touched. There is such healing power in touch.

I witnessed this again this month as I sat with Joyce and Richard Riggle at Solvay Hospice House, Joyce sat for many days near Richard's bed holding his hand, stroking his head, and when he became anxious she would place her hand on his chest and calmly whisper in his ear breathe in peace, breathe out anxiety, breathe in peace, breathe out anxiety. His fear would abate with her touch. Healing came to Richard as his breath joined the Holy One forever. Outside his window a few days earlier there was an owl, a symbol of wisdom for this educator who sought truth. Richard had carved owls through out his life, and now it seemed an owl would be there to help him on the next part of his journey. And throughout all of this there was touch — lifting up into life and new life.

We share Jesus' ministry of healing and touch. Jesus reached out to those who were considered unclean, outsiders. The man with leprosy was bound by the religious rule of the day to cry out – unclean, unclean wherever he walked. How painful for him, hard for us to imagine.

Jesus broke the rules and the boundaries and reaches out. He offers compassion to the man and challenges to the system that isolated him. He tells the man who once been a leper to go to the temple and present himself. Present himself there and show those guys that their categories don't work in the realm of God. Ched Myers, in his challenging commentary on Mark called *Binding the Strong Man*, suggests: "The cleansed leper's task is not to publicize a miracle but to help confront an ideological system..."

There are many who still consider themselves, unclean, unworthy. Perhaps most often we see this in people struggling with mental illness. Alisha and Nicki deliberately chose February 15<sup>th</sup> as the day to baptize their daughter Josephine Bryce. It was this day a year ago that Alisha's brother, Bryce, took his own life. His struggle with depression was deep, but he kept silent, unable to share his pain with anyone. And in his isolation he took the only path he could find. Oh that he had been able to talk about his hurt, and somehow been lifted up out of the pit. We celebrate the baptism of Josephine, knowing that in her name and in this family Bryce will not be forgotten. Bryce is not forgotten by our God either. God has lifted him up out of the pit of despair too. . . his mourning has been turned to dancing . . . tears dried. His spirit is here too as we remember the fullness of his life, not only his pain. But his life too is a reminder, to touch.

Jesus calls us to ministry of compassion — to share the love we have known with others. Jesus also calls us to broaden our circles.

Jesus lives Edwin Markham's poem, *Outwitted*:

*He drew a circle that shut me out -  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout;  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in!*

Let us Draw circles large and wide — lift them up, take them in, all in.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy



### **COMMITTEE NIGHT**

Committees will meet on **Wednesday, March 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, March 17th at 7pm**. Visitors are always welcome.

## SUNDAYS IN MARCH

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, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Genesis 9: 8 – 17 and Mark 1: 9 - 15

Sermon: "Promises .."

This morning we will share Communion together at both services. The praise and worship team will help to lead our music at the 10:30 service.

### **Sunday, March 8** – Second Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Genesis 17:1 – 7 and Mark 8: 31 - 38

Sermon: "Saving or Losing"

This morning at 10:30, Sam and Ron Deters will provide special music. We will be honoring our Coffee Coordinators during the service, and all coordinators are invited to a special coffee time in the music room after the service.

### **Sunday, March 15** – Third Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1 – 17 and John 2: 13 - 22

Sermon: "10 or more . . ."

Our praise and worship team will help to lead our singing at the 10:30 service this morning.

Stay for the Birthday Potluck in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

### **Sunday, March 22** – One Great Hour of Sharing

Scripture: Numbers 21: 4 – 9 and John 3: 14 - 21

Sermon: "Looking Up"

This morning we will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Clear will provide special music during our 10:30 service.

### **Sunday, March 29** – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1–34 and John 12: 20-33

Sermon: "By Heart"

**11:30— Meeting in the Fireside Room for all women going to the Women's Retreat.**  
See page 5 for more info.

Peace Bell Articles  
are due on the 20th!



### Sunday Adult Forums

Join us at 9:30 in the Fireside Room

*All Are Welcome*

*Grab your Coffee in the Entry Way!*

### March 1-April 5

### Examining Non-Violent Protest

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

View a portion of the film **A FORCE MORE POWERFUL** which portrays a century of non-violent conflict around the world, followed by a discussion led by people from the community.

Come and participate and reflect upon the power of non-violence as it has been demonstrated to bring about dramatic and lasting change in our nation and around the world!

March 1 – India, Donna Howard

March 8 – Nashville, Brooks Anderson

March 15 – South Africa, Helen Rallis

March 22 – Denmark, Joel Sipress

March 29 – Chile, Cecilia Ramon

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

### **Birthday Potluck - Sunday March 15**

Please join us for a potluck after the 10:30 service to celebrate all of our birthdays! Please bring a salad, side or main dish to share. Chicken, rolls, beverage and cake will be provided. Please join us!

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries.

The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHs also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Please give generously to this crucial offering. More information can be found at [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

## ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

*Great Fellowship, Prayer  
and Learning Together*

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 Monday 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

March 28<sup>th</sup> 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, March 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 March 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 March 25 at noon

Benedictine Health Center  
Third Floor Lounge

*Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh*

*Bring a lunch; coffee and dessert provided.*

### Friday Night Movie-March 27

7:00pm in the Fireside Room

*Paper Clips: Changing the World . . .  
One Classroom at a Time*

"It began as a lesson about prejudice...what happened next was a miracle"

In 1998, a group of twenty five middle school students at Whitwell Middle School in Tennessee began a course of study on intolerance and the devastating effect it can have when prejudice goes unchecked. During a study of the Holocaust, the class was shocked to learn that 6 million Jewish people were killed in concentration camps. When, a student suggested they try to count to six million by collecting something, they began collecting paperclips.

Paperclips come pouring in – each with a letter and a story. Teachers and students alike are transformed by learning. Dozens of Holocaust survivors come to visit the school and tell their stories. And perhaps the greatest miracle in the film is told as the survivor's stories intersect the story of this class project: the ability of the human soul to transcend evil generated by intolerance is truly a miracle.

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

### **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 are nearly filled up, but if you'd like to go and haven't signed up, please call Paul Van Antwerp at church, 724-3637.

### Women's Retreat — April 24 - 25

#### Caribou Highlands in Lutsen

"Your faith has made you well..." Mark 5: 34

Join us for our Women's Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort in Lutsen on Friday, April 23th, with an additional night as an option. Cost will be \$45 per person per night. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. We will break into three teams — dinner, breakfast and lunch. Sign up in the Entryway!

This is a great way to get to know other women from the congregation. We begin with potluck supper on Friday night at 7 pm. We have time for discussion, bible study on Mark 5: 21 - 34, singing, swimming, and great eating. Erin DeWitt and Amy Fitzpatrick will help us in creating healing Mandalas. Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning "whole world" or "healing circle". Mandalas are used worldwide as symbols for meditation, healing and protection. The process of creating a mandala can be very therapeutic and meditative.

On Saturday afternoon we will have a hike in memory of Leigh McMullen, who died in a car accident this fall. Leigh often led our times of meditation at our women's retreats. She loved the out of doors and hiking the trails near Lake Superior and her hills.

**We will have a meeting for women attending after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### Parents of Teenagers "Hang-out Night"

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 8:30

(After Vespers, during Youth Group)

Raising teenagers? Want to talk about it? Join us on the first Wednesday of each month in the Fire-side Room for casual conversation and to share your thoughts with others in the same boat. A group facilitator will be present (to keep conversation flowing, or in case you all get rowdy).

Put on your calendar:

**Rummage Sale will be Saturday May 16**

No rummage accepted before Thursday May 14

### PALS — Thursday March 26

(Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

March gathering, on the 26th, will be at the Hamsher home and will feature John Greene and Mike Schrage talking about their jobs — "of math and moose." More details in a couple weeks.

### Game Night

**Monday March 16, 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. Child-care 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)

Time and place to be announced

Bring your instruments, voices, percussion, and song-books to sing out your favorite folk songs. All skill levels welcome.

### Help Pastor Kathy Make Pancakes!

March 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—March 5 & 19 at Embers

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

***Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, August 3-7<sup>th</sup> 2009***

THANK YOU for the following  
MEMORIALS to Peace Church  
In memory of Trudy Schwerdt's brother,  
from Mary and Ken Wergeland  
and from Trudy's Book Club.

*"Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them."*  
 Mark 9:2

Many of us can look back on our lives and remember those moments where we have been transformed. Transformation is when we are changed somehow... spiritually, physically, mentally, or emotionally. There are those moments of awe, those "mountain top" experiences where we feel on top of the world. Perhaps getting married, having a baby, being baptized, winning a race, taking a risk, or getting a new job. Then there are those quieter, more subtle, moments that transform us... a conversation with a good friend, a hug, or a long walk in the woods... we might not even recognize these moments as transforming until years later when we look back on our lives and see the effects.

Something happened on that mountain-top...something that changed Jesus... His "clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them." But don't forget that Peter, James and John were also there on that mountaintop with Jesus. Peter says, "it is good for us to be here!" These men must have been changed and transformed in that experience too. They were in the right place at the right time! Would you say that you are in the right place in your life right now? Is it, "good for you to be here?" What transforming moments do you find yourself in...or what transforming moments are you missing? How can we remain open and aware of God's transforming power in ordinary times and special, mountaintop times?

A Carthusian monk writes, *"God is so close to us, around us, in us. The wind that caresses our face, the bird that sings, the mountain touching the heavens, an exquisite flower among the rocks, the immense sky, silence that trembles in its fullness, a smile, a look of love – all speak of the creator..."*

Blessings, Cynthia

**Help Cut Baby Blankets!**

I'm looking for a few wonderful people who like to chat and use scissors! Could you spare just an hour or two to help cut and prep a "batch" of blankets for our next "batch" of Peace babies? Since 2003, our congregation has tied a cozy fleece baby blanket for each child born or adopted in our church community. It is a great way to welcome new little ones and the families appreciate them so very much. I'm hoping to get together with 1-3 people for about a 2 hour time block at the church to cut all the fleece and have them ready for tying when a new baby is born. If you are interested in being a part of this warm, fuzzy project, please call Jen Hudyma at 624-1512 or [jhudyma@charter.net](mailto:jhudyma@charter.net). Thank you so much!!!!

*March is an important month in Church School as we prepare for Easter and spring!  
 Come join us in the Sanctuary at 9:30am  
 for singing, birthday celebrations,  
 and introducing the theme of the day.*

**CHILDREN & YOUTH TALENT SHOW!!!!  
 Saturday, March 21st ~ 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

As a fundraiser to help send us to Biloxi, Mississippi we are having a Talent Show, hosted by Buddy Broadway and perhaps his friends, Sylvie Sensation, Frost Fabliouso and Holly Hollywood. We are looking for 5 minute or less acts that can show off the amazing talent we have here at Peace Church! All children from 0 to 18 are welcome to perform. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The first 15 people to sign-up are in, so don't dilly dally! Tickets for adults are \$10 and kids are free. You don't want to miss this!

**March Acolyte Schedule**

- March 1 – Aggie Pokizywinski
- March 8 – Sannah Arvidson-Hicks,  
 Frost Bowen-Bailey
- March 15 – Autumn Finch, Sophie Fink
- March 22 – Kierra Heazlett, Brita Larsen
- March 29 – Jackson Manthey, Adrianna Mullozzi

**Nursery News**

Come meet our new staff member Nicole Feralin!

**OWLS—beginning March 18**

**Parents of 4-6th graders** — We will be offering the Our Whole Lives (OWL's) program for our 4-6th grade students this spring. The OWL's program provides a comprehensive and age appropriate discussion about all aspects of sexual development and sexuality as a positive part of healthy relationships. It provides an opportunity for youth to get accurate and complete information about issues related to sex and sexuality, as well as an opportunity to explore their own values, build interpersonal skills and begin to understand the three R's of sexuality; respect, responsibility and relationship. The class is taught by Cizzarie Schomberg and Kevin Skwira-Brown and will be held on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 for eight weeks, starting March 18, with a parent meeting at an earlier date. If you have a child in this age group please look for further information about the class in mail. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact either Cizzarie (525-0325) or Kevin (728-3079) or check out the web site at [www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives](http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives)



## Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm  
in Youth Room

*During Lent, we will attend Lenten Vespers at 7—then meet in the Youth Room*

### Youth Group Calendar:

**March 4th** (Wednesday) *For Community:* "Sanctuaries in our Midst"

We'll explore where each of us find peace and quiet here in our home town and discuss how to care for them, and help others find the same.

**March 11th** (Wednesday) *For World:* "Do it My Way, and Nobody Gets Hurt!"

We'll team up with our Peace and Justice Committee and look into ways that nonviolence can be used as a tool for change.

**March 18th** (Wednesday) *For Church:* "What are we? A bunch of slob?"

Cynthia Coffin will be hosting Youth Group. We're going to summon up her powers of organization (she's good!) to help get our Youth Room in better shape. We'll also take a closer look at the "Chapel" space beside the youth room and imagine how we could use it.

**March 25th** (Wednesday) *For Fun:* "There is no 'I' in Youth Group"

Camp Amnicon will be here to transform our Fellowship Hall into a low-ropes adventure course.

**TAMALES!** Hannah Carpenter, Emily Watson and Mina Hubert making tamales on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Paul VanAntwerp for organizing this fun intergenerational event!!

### Hey Youth Group!

As I write this, the next time I'll see you will be watching you host our Ash Wednesday services. I'm so glad we were invited to do this (thank you Pastor Kathy!) because it reminds us that our presence in this congregation is not just being tucked in some back room, separate, but as a crucial, and energized part of this active and vibrant place that is Peace Church. What do you do in this church? Who do you talk to? What's this church all about to you? As I chat with a wide range of people of all ages in this church (you see me, bouncing around on Wednesdays and Sunday) I can tell you with certainty that they are very interested in what we are doing and what we are thinking. Why? If I say "because you're the future" I sound like some cheesy graduation speech. If I say "you're our hope" I sound like I'm running for President. Friends, they are interested because they've all had a long and wild way around to getting to this place of faith, their present beliefs and values and understanding of the world. They remember all that it took to get here, and the joys and worries and passion and anger it takes to figure it all out! They want to hear from you, so you can remind them that they're still on this journey themselves—and not only that—they want to be given a fresh perspective, and they want to share what they've learned. Hey, strike up a conversation. I dare you! I think you'll be amazed to find, like I have, that there are some really great people around here.

See you Wednesday! Paul

### SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're been asked to visit the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings in March. There's a great series going on there called: "A Force More Powerful" about the power of nonviolence as a tool for change. They've asked if we would share our thoughts and questions (I know you have them!) so we're going to show up and let them know what we think! We can raid the Youth Group stash of sweets and drinks before attending. See you there!

### BRING US YOUR MAGAZINES!

The Youth Group is collecting glossy magazine paper as a fundraiser for the Summer Work Camp to Back Bay Mission. There'll be a container in the Youth Room to drop them off. If you need help bringing them in from the car, be sure to ask one of the youth for help. Thanks!



# WINTER CAMP SCRAPBOOK



2009



## WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets

6pm: Bible Study in the Fireside Room 6:15pm: Senior Choir

7-8:30pm: Youth Group

7-8:30pm: Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds. March 4th and March 18th)

**Lenten Vespers every Wednesday at 7pm in the Sanctuary**

**Committee and Team Meetings on March 11th at 6pm**



### Faith Weavers

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm

During March, we will be remembering Jesus and some important events in his life. Some stories we will explore are The Last Supper, journey to Jerusalem, and Palm Sunday. Join us Wednesday nights from 6-7pm. The Weavers meet in the classroom on the left by the nurseries. Everyone is welcome!

**March 4:** Jesus Raises Lazarus

**March 11:** Jesus to Jerusalem

**March 18:** Jesus Comes Back

**March 25:** Jesus Brings Joy

### 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade**, are welcome to come on Wednesday nights at 5 - 5:30pm in the music room.

We are singing in church on: **March 8, April 12 (Easter Sunday!) 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

*Note: We have a shortened season —  
The next three Wednesdays are important practices!*

Peace Puppets are working on a performance for the Peace Church Children's Talent Show on March 21. It is anticipated that a version of this same show will be performed during the Easter season and perhaps again at the "Men as Peacemakers" Awards. Details will be mailed to our puppeteers.



If you are not aware, the final Wednesday Peace Puppets will be on March 11. OWLs for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin March 18. Due to our shortened time together we are on a fast track to prepare for our shows. If your child is planning on being in the performances, please make every effort to have them at our final three Wednesdays together. Thanks.

### CONFIRMATION

The class will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will begin with Lenten Vespers at 7:00 in the sanctuary and then move to the Fellowship Hall for class.

**Wednesday March 4** – *The Body of Christ*  
(Being Church)

**Wednesday, March 18** – *Followers of the Way of Jesus*

Confirmation Sunday for second year students will be on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Second year confirmands will go on retreat on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. **This is a required retreat! We will be done by noon on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

April is Child Abuse Awareness month. Some parents here at Peace Church have expressed interest in having First Witness come talk to our children about child abuse and safety. This program would be for Pre-school - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We have them come one or two Wednesdays during the Faith Weaver time. If you have a child in this age group and would like them to participate, please contact Cynthia. There would be one parent meeting to attend.



There's a new door in the back of the Youth Room, right beside the access to our "tunnel". It opens up to the basement and foundation created when we extended our new sanctuary. It's an unassuming space, bare concrete walls and floor, a few windows... so why is that little room seem so exciting to me? Why has it been on my mind so often these days?

I think it is the season, both in our natural cycle and our Christian year. We're in the "cabin fever" days up here. Winter's getting old. The snow is crusted and dirty. The world seems barren. And in our Christian year, we find ourselves in the season of Lent, a season intended to help us learn humility and to empty ourselves of unnecessary distractions, that we might better receive the holiness present in our Christian narrative ahead. I suspect the first step toward humility for each of us is to learn to calm our busy lives and minds so that we may create a space for God to be present. This is not easy. Cabin fever prompts us to fill our free time with varieties of stimuli. Any additional "space" we might have is more likely to be filled up with items that we know are of lesser importance—certainly not that which brings us humility and prepares us to make room for the presence of God.

To help myself toward humility, I engage in a simple spiritual discipline. Every morning and evening, I light a candle, and fold a piece of paper in half. Then I fill that section of the paper with a written prayer. Sometimes it comes easy, and the words feel beautiful to write. Sometimes I have to force it, and my writing seems to babble incoherently. But I am praying. I am pushing myself to create a space welcoming to God. Prayer has a way of effect through patience and perseverance. It is a matter of discipline—a choice—to create the space and welcome God's presence. Give it time. Free yourself from unnecessary stimuli. God will be there.

When time, and money permit, that little space behind the Youth Room has plans to be turned into a simple chapel for worship and prayer. I am excited to see this take effect, but worry that in the bustle of our church, we will be tempted to take the easy route and use it as an extended closet for our storage. How so many of us will value the additional space for quiet, worship, and prayer in our church! But, like faith itself, if we are to make something more of it than mere storage, it must be intentional.

God bless us all through this season, Paul

### *Have you discovered Peace Church Library?*

We would love to see more people using this great resource we have in our Fireside Room, Narthex, and Nursery Hallway.

Check out this impressive list of new books available for you to read! Thanks to all who have donated books to our library, as it has helped us immensely to stretch our budget. And thanks to all the work Sharon Crosby, our librarian, does to get these books ready for the shelves. She is also more than halfway through the big job of getting all of our adult books in the card catalog!

#### **New Adult Books:**

- ***The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love and Jesus for the Non-Religious* both by John Shelby Spong, who will be speaking at Peace Church at the Opening Our Doors Conference on March 13.** Other John Shelby Spong books available in our Peace Church library—on display shelves in the Fireside Room or the Narthex: *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)*.
- *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey* by Jill Bolte Taylor
- *Imagine Ourselves Richly: Mythic Narratives of North American Indians* by Christopher Vecsly
- *Selling Out America's Children* by David Walsh
- *The Prophetic Imagination* by Walter Brueggemann
- *The Full Cupboard of Life* and *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith (both are part of the No.1 Ladies Detective Agency series)
- *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan
- *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama

#### **New Children's Books:**

- *Shades of Black* by Sandra L. Pinkney
- *Pretty Good Magic* by Cathy and Mark Dubowski
- *The Tennis Twins* by Shaun Gayle
- *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso
- *The Araboolies of Liberty Street* by Sam Swope
- *The Peace Bell* by Margi Preus.

## SEEDS OF PEACE

The Seeds of Peace microloan committee sent out \$1000 last month 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. We will also be holding a mission moment sometime this spring.

## FOOD COMPOSTING

Hey Folks, I'm writing to invite input about how we can do a better job with composting here at church. This building sees a lot of use related to food and we don't really have a good plan for dealing with the food waste that is generated. We have started to collect food waste from our Wednesday nite meals, but are missing a lot of other opportunities to compost. Currently, we are collecting the waste in biodegradable bags and dropping them at a composting site, but that depends on someone being willing to make sure that happens. I am looking for input about something more permanent that we can expect everyone who uses the building to utilize, such as a composting barrel or compost pile, but am concerned about how that would work. If this is an issue you have some ideas or input about, please contact me so we can begin a discussion about how to proceed. Cizzarie Schomberg (cizzarie@care2.com).

## RECYCLING PEACE

**Apartment for rent** on Park Point. Single individual, no pets. Quiet setting. Call Marilyn Mayry for more details. 279-3549.

**Enlita Sewing Machine with table:** It works, and comes with manual. Call Cathy Ameal 724-2750.

## Soap and Toiletries still needed

Thanks to all who contributed soap, shampoo and other toiletries to Lincoln Park School. School personnel were very grateful. The school nurse said she puts a basket by the door so kids can help themselves without the stigma of asking. One child apparently is helping his whole family because he or she comes in a couple times a week.

As you travel, remember to bring home your unused hotel bars and bottles — it's not stealing! If you want to donate full-size shampoo, conditioner, soap or laundry soap, that's great, too, just put it in the basket under the upstairs coat rack near the office.

**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.

## March's Small Step

### Giving up Violence for Lent

*You have learned that they were told, "Love your neighbor, hate your enemy." But what I tell you is this: Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors; only so can you be children of your heavenly Father, who makes his sun shine on good and bad alike, and sends the rain on the honest and the dishonest. If you love only those who love you, what reward can you expect? Surely the tax-gatherers do as much as that. And if you greet only your brothers, what is there extraordinary about that? Even the heathen do as much. There must be no limit to your goodness, as your heavenly Father's goodness knows no bounds.*

Matthew 5:43-48

At a time when our nation is at war, futures are uncertain, and injustice continues to permeate our society, Jesus calls us to love our enemies and turn away from violence.

With the Lenten season coming up let us reflect upon giving up the violence in our lives. Pastor Kathy invites everyone to give up a violent television show. Yes, Kathy is giving up CSI for Lent!

There are lots of ways to make our personal lives more peaceful — the following are just a few:

- Give up a violent TV show or movies depicting violent acts.
- Replace negative/hurtful words or thoughts with silence or a compliment.
- Mend broken relationships.
- Step out of your comfort zone and reach out to someone who is new to the community or who is experiencing a difficult time.
- Take steps in your workplace or in your community to aid with conflict resolution.
- Role model peace in your family.
- Be kind and tread lightly on the earth by driving less and using less gas.
- Fill up on peace by attending **Meditation Services on Wednesdays at 7PM** in the sanctuary.
- Learn more about the power of non-violent change by attending the viewings of **A Force More Powerful** during adult forum from March 1- April 5<sup>th</sup>. (**See page 3**)

Be creative and share your ideas about how to live a peaceful life. Everyone has the power to choose to be nonviolent.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our New Members who joined Peace Church in February!

Deanna Notaro and Peter Good (Andre and Nora)  
Susan Maras (Nicholas and Benjamin), Amy and Tavis Westbrook (Elise), Marcus Lovejoy, Ann Sudoh, Marge Johnson (Jackie and Noah)

### Susan Maras

**Family members:** Husband Chris and sons Nick and Ben

**What is your vocation?** Stay at home Mom/LPN

**What are your hobbies/passions?** Running, cooking

**What brought you to Peace?** A desire to take better spiritual care of myself and wanting to connect with my community.

**What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?** I have a twin sister.

### Marcus Lovejoy

**Family members:** Barbara Pestalozzi, Christine and Stephen Pestalozzi

**What is your vocation?** Registered Nurse

**What are your hobbies/passions?** Photography, travel

**What brought you to Peace?** Kathy Nelson's generosity.

**What is an obscure fact about yourself that others may not know but would enjoy?** I have traveled around the world 1 ½ times – 20 countries.

## INTERGENERATIONAL WORK CAMP

Summer Work Camp to Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Mississippi

June 6 - June 14

We're almost full—call if interested!

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! We will be staying in the dorms at Seashore United Methodist Assembly. Seashore will be doing are cooking for us. It is located right on the Gulf Coast.

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.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Tom Hystead  
David Cave  
Nathan Imes  
2 Nick Mulozzi  
3 Claudia Gagnon  
4 Mary Martin  
Terese Tomanek  
Jeni Wergeland  
Pamela Mittlefehldt  
Mike Nugent  
Heidi Severson  
Taylor Wood  
Patrick Watson  
5 Erik Lundberg  
Echo Funk  
6 Louise Grams  
10 Deloris Thompson  
Chris Stegmann  
12 Linda Goese  
Betty Greene  
Pat Sjoding  
Kevin Skwira-Brown  
Thad Dziuk



13 Brian Eklund  
Sherry Kozelka  
Sophia Farell  
14 Jeanie Peterson  
15 Joshua Aas  
Sarah Messerer  
16 Daniel O'Connell  
Cynthia Coffin  
17 Carl Etter  
Alexis Christensen  
18 Philip Wood  
Lori Lind  
Charla Buxbaum  
Julia Cheng  
Claire Smith  
19 Andy Pomroy  
Autumn Finch  
20 Casey Aplin  
Alan Netland  
Peter Tomhave  
21 Howard Anderson  
Jasper Filby Williams  
22 Charley Kendall



Benjamin Fena  
23 Lorraine Anderson  
Dick Goese  
Paul Winchester  
Kelly Punyko  
24 Cheryl Walsh  
Ronna Hanson  
Stella Schutz  
25 Sharon Crosby  
Millie Timm  
Harriett Peterson  
Cathy Wood  
27 Joann Mork  
Chris Campbell  
28 Bennett Mulozzi  
29 Patty Beech  
Isabel Marshik  
30 Grace Springsteele  
Marcelle Beerhalter  
Marlis Cran  
31 Kara Eschbach Matrella  
Jan Burns



## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU !

- To Cindy McLean for hours and hours of work updating our web site and putting the Opening Our Doors Conference registration on line.
- To Cizzarie Schomberg for all her work organizing this year's winter camp at Camp DuNord. It was a wonderful time with winter olympics, great food, sauna time, prayer and worship, bonfires and cross country skiing. Thanks to Jesse Schomberg for organizing the Olympipics! Pictures in this Bell. Watch for next year's dates ...
- To Joan Peterson for donating a converter box for one of our TV sets here at church.
- Thank you to Britt and Leon Rohrbaugh and Sarah Nelson for all their help in FaithWeavers these past two years. They come more than their regular sign-up times and roll with whatever Cynthia gives them. What would I do without you?
- Thank you to Jen Hudyma for keeping our baby blanket supply full!
- A BIG thank you to Peace church & members for supporting the Grant School 4<sup>th</sup> graders' efforts to raise money to attend Wolf Ridge. The spaghetti dinner & silent auction were a great success!
- From Lincoln Park School: "Dear Peace United Church of Christ, Thank you for the donations of shampoos, conditioners, and soaps for the families of Lincoln Park Elementary School. Sincerely, Deb Montgomery, Community Liaison"
- From the UCC we received a thank you letter for our contribution to the Christmas fund. In 2008, gifts to this fund totaled \$1,597,000, the most raised in it's 106 year old history. About 94 cents of every dollar raised will become a direct gift to more than 1,500 retired and active clergy and lay employees in the UCC. Requests for help have increased — the need is greater than ever and we are fortunate to be part of a church whose members are so generous when it comes to supporting those who serve.
- From CHUM: "Many Thanks for your donation to the Duluth Emergency Food Shelf... Your support of the people we serve is greatly appreciated."
- From Habitat for Humanity we received a thank you letter for our gift in 2008.
- From Elizabeth Olson of the Gabriel Project: "Dear Peace Church Youth Group, Thank you for making such an awesome meal for CHUM! Everyone loved the sloppy joes. Thank you too for pondering the "tough stuff" about homelessness and hunger. I look forward to hearing more of your questions, thoughts, and ideas, and see you in action. To Paul, Thanks for your leadership and willingness (and energy!) to work with CHUM. This is great stuff!"



*From Trudy ~ Heartfelt gratitude goes out to the people of Peace Church for the celebration of my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thanks to Emily for her prelude, to the children with Cynthia and Julie, and special thanks to Pastor Kathy who was so gracious in planning this special day. I'd like to thank everyone for the CD player that makes it possible for me to be more a part of the congregation by listening to the worship services. Thanks for the cake and the special coffee time, and to all the people who gave me cards and gifts. I'm so grateful for all the opportunities that I've had through the years to be of service and use my gifts at Peace Church. It was wonderful to see so many old friends—thanks to all who came!*

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Josephine Bryce Blazevic-Seibert, daughter of Alisha and Nicole, who was baptized on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth from Peace who participated in the State Nordic Ski Meet: cam Mitchell, Tony Squillace and Erik Rupert. Erik finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the State!

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Elsie Cook, recovering from back surgery
- Phyllis Cook, recovering from a stroke
- Louise Grams recovering from a stroke
- Hummingbird being treated for a brain tumor
- Pamela Mittlefehldt recovering from surgery
- Buehler Bongey and Kathy Tate dealing with cancer
- Dorie Godden recovering at home from a fall.

### SYMPATHY TO

- Andrew Webster and family following the death of his father
- The family of Richard Riggle, especially his wife , Joyce. Richard, a life long educator, moved to Duluth in July to receive hospice care, and in that time became active in our adult education programs. Richard died at Solvay House on February 12, but a few days earlier an owl appeared outside his window. Richard had carved several large , beautiful owls, symbols of wisdom, two of which were in his room.

*Benefit Concert*

*Singing songs from her newly released CD  
...Rachael Kilgour*

*Send a child to Wolf Ridge & enjoy some  
great music!*

*Saturday, March 14, 2009 ~7:00-8:30 pm*

*Peace Church*

*Come support the Grant Elementary School*

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade as they work to raise money  
to go to Wolf Ridge*

**Megillah Madness**

**Saturday, March 14th at 7 PM**

**Temple Israel (1602 E. 2nd Street)**

Join your friends and neighbors at this **Purim Party** for the whole community to raise funds for CHUM.

Costumes are optional.

*Dance to the music of **Rock-a-Billy Revue**;  
learn ethnic dances (no partners needed);  
enjoy snacks and desserts.*

All money raised from ticket sales will go the **Chum Food Shelf**. Tickets are \$10.00. (Checks payable to CHUM). The power of a united, compassionate community is in our hands! Help make sure that no one in Duluth goes to bed hungry tonight.

*Reiki Level One Training, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-6 pm at  
Circle of Life Chiropractic ~ Erin DeWitt, RMT*

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that can help you feel better physically, emotionally and spiritually. Explore energy medicine, learn and practice Japanese healing techniques and more...Leave with a powerful tool that will change your life! Cost is \$100. Ten percent discount for Peace Church community. Check out

[www.deeppeaceduluth.com/Reiki](http://www.deeppeaceduluth.com/Reiki) for more information.

**The Dances of Universal Peace**

**March 7th, Saturday evening, 7-9 pm,**

**1802 E. 1st St., Duluth (Friends Meeting House)**

The Dances of Universal Peace will be honoring the coming Spring Equinox. No experience necessary. Join us in simple sacred circle dances for peace and unity using songs and prayers inspired by the world's religious and spiritual traditions, to help us experience peace us across creed, class, and race, while honoring one's own. \$5 to \$10 donation, more or less.

For info call Salima 218-391-0260

**FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN**

This is an important month for the DULUTH EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF at CHUM. Food Shelf food expense increased in 2008 by 74%. Individuals served increased by 20%, with the majority of the increase happening in the last 6 months of 2008.

The CHUM Food Shelf has recently had to decrease the amount of food our customers can have at each visit due the increased needs in today's economy. One example is the fact that we can no longer supply fresh milk as our government funding which allows that luxury has run out. This funding may or may not be available in the future, dependent upon the State Legislature's final budget.

As you consider a gift to help out, please remember that EVERY gift received by CHUM's Emergency Food Shelf in March is proportionally matched by Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation. Monetary gifts are welcome, as we are able to purchase more with less money than you can at the grocery store. Or see below for specific food needs. For more information or to garner supplies, contact Meg at 727-2391 or [megkearns@chumduluth.org](mailto:megkearns@chumduluth.org)

**Duluth's Emergency Food Shelf is in need of 2,000 square feet of storage space from May 9th through mid September.** If you know of a space to store pallets of food please contact Meg Kearns at 727-2391.

**CHUM Needs...**

**Food Shelf:** Plastic grocery bags; Canned meals (stews, chili, hash & spaghetti's) macaroni & cheese, canned peaches, peas, pears, corn, vegetables, chicken noodle & cream soup, canned chicken, Spam and Tuna, ramen noodles, juice. **Items no longer needed: Prescription bottles and egg cartons.**

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

**CHUM Church:** Individuals or a group to provide musical entertainment for a social gathering of CHUM Church members. The event will take place at Peace Church on Saturday, April 18, 4:00 p.m. We are also inviting congregation members to attend the potluck and social. If you're interested contact Meg Kearns @ 727-2391 or [megkearns@chumduluth.org](mailto:megkearns@chumduluth.org). CHUM Church also needs lanyards!

# MARCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

## Nursery

- 1 Grace Richey, Monica Liddle, Nam Provost
- 8 Sophie Wilkowske, Julie Flotten, Hannah Carpenter
- 15 Kristina Green, Christa Knudsen, Melanie Lundell
- 22 Emily Youngstrand, Sarah Nelson, Christina Mullozzi
- 29 Patty Beech, Jane Rupel, Mariah Berner

## Greeters

- 1 Seversons
- 8 Jayme Hennen, Bill Hardesty
- 15 John and Lyn Pegg
- 22 Molly Stapleton-Clark, Peggy Maske
- 29 Steve Coll, Maggie Fink

## Lay Readers

- 1 Laurie Berner
- 8 Jen Pearson
- 15 Betty Greene
- 22 Bob Stevens
- 29 Christine Aas-Larsen

## 8:30 Communion Bread



- 1 Steve Coll
- 8 White Family
- 15 Janell Kohls
- 22 Robin Davidson
- 29 Arvolds

## Damiano Soup Kitchen

### Sunday March 8

- 1:30 pm: Youth
- 4:30 pm: Youth

## Monday Meal

### at Loaves and Fishes

- 2 Pat Sjoding
- 9 Robin Davidson
- 16 Brian Graff
- 23 Lyn Clark Pegg

## Ushers

- 1 Susan Ranfranz, Mary Martin, Nettie Bothwell, John Moeller
- 8 Simpson Family, Marsha Hystead
- 15 Michael Pfau, Tanya Jackson, Seversons
- 22 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg, Essie Geiger & Nick Zeitler
- 29 Daniel and Jane Ward, John and Lyn Pegg

## 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.

**2009 COFFEE COMMITTEES:** Unless you requested a change, you will likely be on the same month as last year. New members have been added to the lists. 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 April & September—Please call the office if you can help us out.**



### February Coffee Hour

**Coordinators:**  
**Lisa And Bill Pomroy, 525-1091**  
**Marge Paulson, 464-0561**

#### March 1

Set up: Pomroys, Marge Paulson  
 Serve/Clean-up: Langdon-Larsons,  
 Rick and Karola Dalen

#### March 8

Set up: Steve Coll, Linda Goese,  
 Lisa Pomroy  
 Serve/Clean-up: Paul & Judy Hlina,  
 Doug Zaun & Emily Larson

#### March 15 Birthday Potluck

#### March 22

Set up: John & Kathy Bray, Marge  
 Serve/Clean-up: Seversons, Barb  
 Pestalozzi, Deb McLeod

#### March 29

Set up: Dave & Stacey Stark,  
 Marge Paulson  
 Serve/Clean-up: Todd & Lori Lind,  
 John Moeller, Terese Tomanek

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

### Coming up — April

**Coordinators: Britt & Leon  
 Rohrbaugh, 728-1277**

**Coordinator Needed** (please call office, 724-3637 if you could help to coordinate April coffee time.)

- Gary Anderson, 728-4085
- Teri Benton, 727-2502
- Ron & Julie Deters, 626-2416
- Sheryl & Jim Filby-Williams, 343-2841
- Chris & Vi Finch, 724-5328
- Jen Pearson & Doug Hoffman, 525-0099
- Tanya & Alex Jackson, 525-1480
- Debra & Craig Johnson, 729-5107
- Todd Kneebone, 786-0313
- Laurie & Dave Linder, 525-5991
- Diana (Soland) & Joe Machones, 628-3223
- Susan Maras, 349-8840
- Jennifer Murphy, 727-4308
- Peggy & Wayne Pearson, 721-5051
- Alan & Joan Peterson, 724-6570
- Daina & Joel Rosen, 389-3306
- Jim & Jennie Tomhave, 879-0570

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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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