



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Peace Bell

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DULUTH MN ~ REV. KATHRYN NELSON, LEAD PASTOR ~ PAUL VANANTWERP, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

## THE FAMILY SHELTER RECEIVES A FACELIFT

The culmination of many months of planning happened on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> when Peace Church members brought new energy to the Family Emergency Shelter.

Congregation members worked side by side with the families living in each apartment. Some cleaned and made repairs, while others removed old furniture and brought in new. Together they organized supplies.

Peace Church members took a break with the families they were assisting, sharing a meal, music and games at the CHUM Center.

By the end of the day, new friendships had developed and at least one guest had found a new church community!

*(from CHUM Congregational News)*



## CHUM Family Shelter Update!

We had a great group of over 30 people pitch in for our first Family Shelter Work Day (twice as many as are pictured above)! It was amazing to see how much can be accomplished when we team up on a project like this. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Let's keep the momentum going!

We're always looking for more names to add to our lists of folks interested in being "on call" for cleaning, moving, and special projects teams. Transitions happen quickly at the family shelter (it's always great news when somebody finds more permanent housing), so we'd like a deep pool of volunteers to mobilize at a relatively short notice. **If you'd like to get involved, or want more information, contact Paul Van Antwerp.**

## Ash Wednesday Service February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Join us as we mark the beginning of Lent with ashes and the sharing of Communion. Each year we consider what holds us back on our Journey of faith. Time is taken to write something we need to let go of. These slips of paper are burned and we are marked with ashes as a sign of our confession. We listen and are fed at Christ's table. Forgiven and fed we can continue the journey of Lent, holding on to the hope of Easter.

## Lenten Vespers—Prayers Around the Cross

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have a vespers service at 7 pm. This year we will be again 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 February 24<sup>th</sup> and continue each Wednesday until Easter. The liturgy lasts between 20 and 30 minutes, based on each participant's need for silence and prayer.

## February 26 - 28 Winter camp at Camp DuNord on Burntside Lake near Ely

About 90 folks from Peace will be heading to Camp DuNord on Feb. 26 for our annual Winter camp. We are planning for a weekend of relaxation and outdoor adventure. DuNord is close to a number of ski trails, a lake for ice fish-ng, and hills for sledding. If that is not your bag, stay indoors and cuddle up and read your favorite book. Any questions, call the office or Cizzarie Schomberg at 525-0325. If you'd like to go—you can be on a waiting list.

## FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

How much has changed in our world this last month. In the midst of the tragedy of Haiti it has been good to be together in worship and prayer. We have seen how connected our world really is, and the grief is close to us. Kim Sturtz, our children's minister, was a good friend of Ben Larson, son of Duluth Pastors, April and Judd Larson, who was killed in the collapse of St. John's Boys home. Ben was there to help teach a course in church lay leadership and was staying with the children of that orphanage.

We are all connected, and there is so much to do. We begin all our work with prayer. These past days I have found the prayer of Anthony Robinson, a UCC minister in Seattle, to be powerful. He prefaces the prayer with these words, *"In Seattle, where I live, a February 28, 2001 earthquake measured 6.8 on the Richter scale. In Seattle there was property damage, but no loss of life. The January 11, 2010 earthquake in Haiti measured 7.0 on the same scale."*

*Holy One, we your theologians have our categories. We name some things — earthquakes, twisters, hurricanes — as "natural evil." Beyond our control. Other things — rape, murder, genocide, we name, "human evil." We would like things to stay in their boxes, to fit our categories. As we look into the bruised and broken faces of our Haitian brothers and sisters, we know they don't, not really. Two earthquakes of almost the same magnitude have had such different effects. In Seattle, we were shook up and our earthquake-proofed buildings were set swaying. In Haiti everything in sight has fallen down and tens of thousands of human beings have been crushed. Lord, it's not just beyond-our-control, "natural evil" that's happened this week. The brick-hard truth is that the Haitian earthquake has been so devastating because it has been piled on top of years of poverty and corruption, exploitation and indifference. Grant that we may hear, in the cries of the grieving, the lamentations of your prophets. Grant that in their suffering, we might discern your summons to repentance, your call for a more just human order. Strengthen the rescuers, uphold the grieving, sustain the weary, and cause the money and aid now given to speedily reach those in deepest need, in Christ's name. Amen.*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr once said. *"Life's most persistent and nagging question is 'what are you doing for others?'"* He would quote Mark 9:35, the scripture in which Jesus of Nazareth tells James and John *"...whosoever will be great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever among you will be the first shall be the servant of all."* And when Martin talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life. *"I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life...to love and serve humanity."*

We know even more that we are called to serve our brothers and sisters around the world, especially those only 600 miles off our nation's shoreline . . . We are Beloved Community when we:

- ◆ Pray for those who are grieving, for those who are hurting, for those who are helping.
- ◆ Donate – Mark your gift through the church "OGHS" (One Great Hour of Sharing). Our Mission Partners are in Haiti through our work with Church World Service. You can also donate online through Church World Service, Red Cross or the UCC.
- ◆ Help us to continue to Assemble Hygiene Kits. Thank you to all who donated items to this effort. The youth made over 135 kits and we sent them on to Church World Service. A picture of them is on the CWS web site.

Thank you for being a people who have responded in so many ways. Peace to each of your and our fragile world.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

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### **Upcoming Events—Mark your calendar!**

**March 19-21 – Men's Retreat –**

**April 16-17 – Opening Our Doors Conference**

**Friday, April 23-24 – Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands**

**Late Spring, date TBA – Men's Work Camp to Back Bay Mission**

**May 1 – Peace Prom (Note new date!)**

**June 13-18—Senior High Youth Work Camp with DOOR in Chicago**

**August 28-September 3, 2011—Intergenerational Work Camp to Back Bay Mission in Mississippi**

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## SUNDAYS in FEBRUARY

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

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, call the church office or let our music director, Jim Pospisil, know.

### **Sunday, February 7 – Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

Scriptures: Exodus 1:15-12; Luke 5:1-11

Sermon: "Into the Deep and the Power of Refusal: Toward Humane and Just Treatment of Refugees and Immigrants"

Rev. Loren McGrail will be our preacher. She is a member of the United Church of Christ Coordinating Team on Immigration and Chair of the MN UCC Task Force on Immigration. (See page 4)

This morning we will celebrate communion at both of our services. The praise team will lead our music at the 10:30 service along with anthems from our choir. We will also welcome new members into our congregation this Sunday. If you would like to formally join with us this morning, let Pastor Kathy know.

After worship we will have a book signing and reading from *Beloved on the Earth*, co-edited by Pamela Mittlefehldt of our congregation. (See article in next column.)

### **Sunday, February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

Sermon: "Shining a Light on the Way"

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Autumn Jubilee, daughter of Jill Rogers and John Doberstein. Ron Deters and our choir will provide special music.

### **Sunday, February 21 – First Sunday of Lent**

Scripture: Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon: "Wilderness Companions"

Music this morning will be provided by Clear and our Choir.

### **Sunday, February 28 – Seminary Sunday**

Scripture: Luke 13: 31-35

Dialogue sermon by Paul Van Antwerp and Jackie Falk, our two seminarians from United Theological Seminary.

### **Sermon Discussion Table in Fellowship Hall**

In response to congregational requests, each Sunday a table will be designated in the Fellowship Hall to continue the conversation about the week's themes, readings, and sermon. Please join us!

### **POETRY AT PEACE:**

#### **POEMS OF GRIEF AND GRATITUDE**

**Sunday February 7, 12noon-1pm**

Please join us for a reading of poems from the anthology *Beloved on the Earth: 150 Poems of Grief and Gratitude*. Local poets published in this book will be sharing their words. CLEAR will be providing music. There will be a time to remember and honor our loved ones who have died.

This event will be held in the sanctuary of Peace Church. We hope you can join us for this time of reflection and celebration.

#### **Women's Retreat Planning Meeting**

**Sunday February 21 at 11:30**

A meeting for those interested in helping to plan the Women's Retreat will be held in the Conference Room on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. Bring your ideas for theme, art, meditations! Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help but can't make it to the meeting.

#### **Work Camp Meeting**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Fireside Room!**

If you are going with us to Chicago this Summer from June 13 – 18 to work and learn with DOOR (Discovering Outreach Opportunities and Reflection) you need to come to this meeting! We will go over expectations, talk about transportation and ask that you pay for half of the cost of the trip at this time, plus \$50 deposit if you haven't made that yet. (\$125)

This trip is an amazing opportunity. If you would like to go but haven't signed up yet, please talk with Pastor Kathy.

#### **Meditation and Healing Circle**

*February 21 (3rd Sunday of the month)  
in the Sanctuary after the 10:30 am service*

Are you or someone you love in need of some additional healing support? Join Erin DeWitt, Peace Church member and owner of Deep Peace Wellness Studio, for some time of stillness. Through a shared meditation we will breathe deeply, give thanks, allow peace and harmony into our hearts and then share it with the world. No meditation experience necessary~ we are all healers, sometimes we just need some help figuring out how to open the toolbox. Please contact Erin with any questions

## ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Forum — 9:30 Sunday Mornings in the Fireside Room  
All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

### Sunday, February 7

#### **“Exiled in America” — Rev. Loren McGrail**

Discussion with video clip about detention of immigrants in our state and country. We will look at the practice of our current enforcement policies and practices and the detention system set up to hold “unauthorized immigrants”, asylum seekers, legal permanent residents, and US born children. We will examine together ways to respond by standing *with* those being detained and standing *against* our oppressive laws and policies.

*Rev. Loren McGrail is a member of the United Church of Christ Coordinating Team on Immigration and Chair of the MN UCC Task Force on Immigration. She is a panel moderator for the Latino Voices Project of the Resource Center of the Americas. She is also one of the lead organizers with the Inter-faith Coalition on Immigration. Her worship resources and sermons can be found at the UCC website.*

### Sunday, February 14

#### **DVD “A Family Undertaking”**

We will watch part of the video, “A Family Undertaking” and have time for discussion. Elizabeth Westrate’s **A Family Undertaking** uncovers a growing social trend: the home funeral movement. More often, Americans are choosing to do it themselves when it comes to burying loved ones and easing their own grief. Far from being a radical innovation, however, keeping funeral rites in the family or among friends is exactly how death was handled for most of pre-twentieth century America.

### Sunday, February 21

**Ellen Hufschmidt, a grief counselor with St. Mary’s Hospice and Solvay House, will speak about rituals and their importance around the dying process.** She helps families with things such as the washing and dressing of loved ones after death. The early church always included the bathing of bodies as a reminder of baptism, it was an important part in closing the circle of the journey of this life into the next.

### Sunday, February 28

**Jackie Falk will present the ideas of Bill McKibben, author of *Deep Economy*.** Bill will be in Duluth on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be time for discussion.

### Books for Discussion

#### **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 for adult forum--**

##### ➤ ***Deep Economy* by Bill McKibben**

In this powerful and provocative manifesto, Bill McKibben offers the biggest challenge in a generation to the prevailing view of our economy. For the first time in human history, he observes, “more” is no longer synonymous with “better”—indeed, for many of us, they have become almost opposites. McKibben puts forward a new way to think about the things we buy, the food we eat, the energy we use, and the money that pays for it all. Our purchases, he says, need not be at odds with the things we truly value.

McKibben’s animating idea is that we need to move beyond “growth” as the paramount economic ideal and pursue prosperity in a more local direction, with cities, suburbs, and regions producing more of their own food, generating more of their own energy, and even creating more of their own culture and entertainment. McKibben offers a realistic, if challenging, scenario for a hopeful future. As he so eloquently shows, the more we nurture the essential humanity of our economy, the more we will recapture our own.

### Next Month

#### **Sunday, March 28 over lunch at 11:30 in the Fireside Room**

##### ➤ ***Stranger at the Gate* by Rev. Mel White, co-founder of Soul Force**

In this moving, best-selling autobiography, Mel White comes out of the closet to give hope to other gay and lesbian Christians, to confront the misleading anti-gay rhetoric of the radical right, and to launch his own fight for justice and understanding for God’s gay and lesbian children. *There are 3 books in the office for check-out, and more available at a 15% discount at Northern Lights Bookstore.*

Mel White will be the featured speaker at the annual Opening Our Doors Conference here in Duluth on April 16 & 17.

### Wednesday Evening Adult Formation

#### **6-7pm in the Fireside Room**

*In the midst of our busy Wednesdays here at Peace, there is a quiet gathering in the Fireside Room after dinner which offers time for us to connect with God and Scripture. We use the ancient method of Lectio Divina. Pastor Kathy and Paul VanAntwerp facilitate as we read the Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday. We all learn from one another, newcomers are always welcome!*

## ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES—continued

### LENTEN COVENANT BIBLE STUDY GOSPEL OF LUKE/ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TWO PARTS OF ONE WHOLE

LEADER: Jackie Falk

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., soup supper followed by study

DATES: Thursdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11,

Please plan to attend all four studies. Each study will build upon the last, and shared study builds community when relationships can continue from week to week.

The story of Jesus' life in the Gospel of Luke is being read over the coming year in our worship's scripture readings. But, what we will hear in worship is only half the story. The writer of the Gospel of Luke also wrote its sequel, Acts of the Apostles, a history of the formation of the early church. Together the two-part story carefully discloses its overarching purpose: a complex vision of the significance of the mission of Jesus Christ and those who share and take his mission into the future.

Lent is a traditional time of intentional deepening of one's faith. Luke-Acts is full of familiar and favorite texts that instruct us in our faith: Jesus as the good shepherd, the story of the Good Samaritan, and Jesus' last words from the cross. A fresh exploration of Luke-Acts' account of the mission of Jesus and the early church through study and conversation will enrich your experience of the coming celebration of Easter.

Our question will be, "What meaning do we find here in these texts for us and our congregation?" Some of our tools will be familiar, those of narrative analysis such as plot, character, and language imagery. Others may be new. We will also use resources from historical criticism and information about the culture of First Century Palestine to support our analysis. Our goal will be to interpret Luke-Acts as truth told through narrative. "Wrestling" with the scriptural texts is the means of doing such interpretation. By long faith tradition, we will do our work together. To "wrestle" with our sacred story finds its deepest integrity and fullest expression when we do it together so our many understandings of the story enrich and shape each other.

Please call the church office 724-3637 or put your name on the sign-up sheet so that we can have your study materials prepared and ready for you. If you have questions, ask Jackie Falk when you see her at church or feel free to call her at 724-7407.

### Inner Views "Deep listening to people's stories is the work of discipleship"

In appreciation of the value of individual story, a unique creative endeavor has begun here at Peace. Our confirmands, with adult mentors, will begin interviewing the elders of our church. The goals of the project are to:

1. Capture the wealth of wisdom, experience and knowledge of elders in our church and community
2. Create connection between generations and the past, present and future
3. Document the history of Peace Church and the community
4. Create documentation of story through text and performance

We are seeking individuals who may enjoy being part of this meaningful experience. We are looking for people willing to be interviewed by our youth and willing to tell stories of their own lives and/or the history of Peace Church. If you are a person who is willing to be interviewed or know someone who should be receiving an invitation, please contact Cindy McLean, Jackie Falk, Marilyn Mayry, or Pastor Kathy. You may address email to [cindy@peaceucc.org](mailto:cindy@peaceucc.org).

The collected stories will be honored through various means including a collection of written work and artistic presentation. People with gifts in photography, audio and video recording, creative presentation, and music may find a special use for their talent in this project.

### Reading, Writing, and Reflection Group

Thursday February 4 — 6:30-8:30

Please join us in the conference room as we read a short passage, exercise our writer's minds, and share if we would like. All are invited.

### Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday February 24 at noon

Benedictine Health Center, 3rd Floor Lounge

This study is facilitated by Cheryl Walsh. Bring a lunch; coffee, dessert and great fellowship always provided!

### Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, February 9 & 23 at 7pm

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE AND TIME—from 1st and 3rd Mondays to 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and from 6:30 to 7pm

Join us in the Fireside Room as we focus on the upcoming week's lectionary passages. Paul Van Antwerp facilitates this group.

## ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Men's Retreat: March 19 -21 at Isernhagen's Cabin near Gordon WI

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for this year's Men's Retreat. Take a well-deserved weekend of rest! Enjoy great food (this crew can cook!) and good fellowship with other men of our congregation.

Questions? Interested in helping to plan this event? Contact Paul Van Antwerp.

Friday, April 23 - 24

### Women's Retreat Caribou Highlands in Lutsen

We are planning a Spring Retreat at Caribou Highlands Resort. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch Saturday. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night.

Cost will be \$45 per person per night. This includes your own bed with linens. We will be responsible for our meals. Sign up in the Entryway!

A planning meeting will be held in the Conference Room **on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am.** Bring your ideas for theme, art, meditations! Let Pastor Kathy or Cindy McLean know if you would like to help, but can't make the meeting.

### Peace Church Hootenanny Folk Music Group

Friday February 13th at 7pm

Location for this month's Hootenanny TBA. Bring your instruments, voices, and favorite folk songs. All are welcome and **wallflowers are encouraged!** Contact Paul with questions. 349-0143

### Men's Breakfast—February 4 & 18

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

### Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

February 10 & 24

Pastor Kathy & crew can be found every other Wednesday at 9am at the Chum Drop-In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join them any time you can. It's a great way to meet new folks and help out!

### Intergenerational Event

#### ALL CHURCH PARTY!

#### Love Tamales! February 14th

Paul's family has a tradition of making Tamales for Valentine's Day. Join us in the Peace Church Kitchen after 3pm to help prepare a feast! Feel free to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Can't help prepare but would like to eat? Send an RSVP and we'll offer a donation basket. Special entertainment: "Wii Olympics"! Oh, and Paul and Eliot will show you how to dance the "Tamale Bomba". Questions? Contact Paul.

### PALS (Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

#### Winter Wonderland on Saturday February 27

Peace PALS will be on **Saturday, Feb 27 (note day change) at 1pm**, to take advantage of sunlight. It will be a winter wonderland theme. Bring an item for stone soup, your ice fishing rods (bait and auger provided), snowmobiles, cross country skis etc. For indoor pleasure we will have cards/board games available. Come and enjoy – 5193 Birch Acres Rd, call Max or Ed Proetz for directions (218-728-6542) RSVP's Welcomed [mproetz@hotmail.com](mailto:mproetz@hotmail.com)

If you'd like to come earlier (anytime after 10) one of the largest vintage snowmobile gatherings in Minnesota is just 1/2 mile from Proetz's.

### Caring for Elderly Relatives?

February 24th at 7:15pm

It's hard, but you are not alone. **Join a group for support and conversation.** Meet by the couches in the narthex after Prayers Around the Cross, to explore this new resource for support. Questions? Contact Paul.

### 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 Nadine Hubert with questions, 349-8751.

### Game Night

Thursday, February 11th, 6:30pm

Fancy your Scrabble game? Are you talented at trivia? A card shark in cribbage? (Yeah, me neither)...in any event, join us for Peace Church Game Night! Bring your favorite game and a snack food to share. Questions? Contact Paul at 349-0143.

### Mark your Calendar!

Annual Opening Our Doors Conference  
April 16 & 17

The featured speaker is **Mel White** (author of *Stranger at the Gate*). Friday evening events will be at First United Methodist, Saturday will be at Marshall School Auditorium, and Saturday evening concert will be here at Peace.

## Moderator's Report

Since I missed last month's Peace Bell deadline, I'll try to capture the highlights of two months of your Coordinating Council's activities.

**Finances:** The Council has been closely monitoring our finances as the year came to a close and we drafted a budget for 2010. Thanks for your patience and support as various members of the Council communicated our status and sought your support to catch up on pledges, pitch in if you could do more and demonstrate your support for our programming by pledging in 2010. Thank you.....Thank you ...for doing everything you could. While we came up short of pledged income for 2009, we did make up part of the shortage in other income and by controlling expenses. A complete report and proposed budget was presented at the Annual Meeting held by the time you read this.

**Staff and Programming:** We are all excited to have Paul start as Associate Pastor on January 1<sup>st</sup>. And we appreciate the commitment so many of you have made to fund that much needed position. We are not able to expand the hours for the Christian Education director time, but our vibrant children's and youth program will enjoy some increased funding reflecting increase in our young members. Paul attended his first Council meeting in January so we're expanding our agenda to allow time for both a Senior and Associate Pastor's report.

**Long Range Plan:** The Council worked on a Long Range Plan to prioritize building on **Significant Relational Groups**; focus our financial and human resources to **reach our Missional Objectives**; continue our courageous **Financial Stewardship** through Phase III of the Capital Campaign recognizing our building is itself a vehicle for "opening doors, building peace and praising God" and finally (but now least) build on the **strengths of our Leadership** and shared ministry teams.

Where are your gifts, talents and heart as you consider how best to support our vision and Long Range Plan? How is God guiding you?

I look forward to monthly Council meetings and am awed at the commitment, faith and leadership we have in this group and so many other teams or individual efforts of our members. Pastor Kathy returned from a UCC conference with some very good perspectives about large churches and the challenges different categories of large churches have in organizing our missions, managing growth and nurturing leadership. In between some fellowship and fun at Council meetings, I hope I convey your Council's work on leadership, vision, communication, and supporting our superlative staff.

As always, please contact a Council member if you have questions or concerns

Denise Hamsher, Moderator

## Capital Campaign

### Phase III Capital Campaign

Our current Capital Campaign expires at the end of June. The renovation of the sanctuary left us with a mortgage of \$700,000 of which about \$670,000 is remaining at this time. The monthly payments are about \$6,000 on a 20-year amortization. This amount is not included in our operating budget.

Pastor Kathy, Lisa Pomroy and Justin Olson have begun working on the next campaign phase which will be used to pay down the debt, finish the space below the sanctuary that has been referred to as the chapel, and for roof repairs that have become an issue this winter. Lisa and Justin will once again chair the campaign. They will be recruiting team members in the next couple of weeks to assist with the campaign. The actual campaign will culminate with a Celebration Sunday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The congregation approved at the annual financial meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> the hiring of a freelance group to assist with all the art work and promotional materials for the campaign. For the last two campaigns we have used the James Company to assist with the campaign leadership. Their fees increased by 50% for this campaign so we decided to pursue other options and will not be using the James Company for Phase III.

### Inquirer's Class (second of two)

Wednesday February 3

6-7pm in the Fireside Room

Come meet others who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation. **We will welcome new members on February 7th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

### TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Teams and Committees will meet on **Wednesday, February 10th.** Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm with meetings beginning at 6 pm.

### COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Visitors are always welcome.

*From Paul VanAntwerp*

As I write this, I just returned with Pastor Kathy from mailing approximately 140 hygiene kits to Haiti. Picture your two pastors wrestling an 80 pound box out of the back of an SUV, onto a dolly, and into a mail room... but be sure to add one detail: we are *smiling*.

And I'm remembering a musty old basement, crowded with broken furniture, garbage, and moldy carpets. Picture a dozen or so of our folks at work down there, cleaning and sorting and wrestling furniture up the stairs—doing our best to make the CHUM Family Shelter a more comforting place to stay for families in the midst of their most difficult times. There are a dozen or so more of our Peace folk upstairs, doing the same thing. They are working hard, they are tired, but they too, are smiling.



And there are more: forty youth beside a row of tables, assembling those hygiene kits, two people brainstorming on how to most effectively create and share dolls for the children in Haiti, two people shoveling our entryways to make the path into Sunday worship more accessible... and I cannot forget all of those hands and heads that dive into the care of our everyday functions here at Peace. This is, all of it—be it moldy basements or cold hands shoveling or watering plants or improving our fellowship tables: Holy Work.

And I think that's why we smile. There is an energy involved in the act of service that is difficult to measure. A quiet grace. An understanding wherein faith and life shake hands and say: "this should be done, and I'm the one to do it." All of these examples are acts of giving, yes, but just like prayer, any time faith and life reach agreement, it is an act of receiving.

One of my favorite Bible passages finds Jesus praying for his disciples. He calls out to God in John 18: "As you have sent me into this world, so I have sent them into the world." In my call to ministry, the spirit of that passage sustains my faith. I hang my stole on that hook. Here in my first month as Associate Pastor, it thrills me to feel the same breath of spirit flow within and throughout our church community.

There are plenty more large boxes to wrestle with, both in our service to community and world, and in the growth and new horizons of our own church home (there are certainly more cluttered basements to clear!). As Jesus sends us forth into our ministry together, and we find ourselves working hard, keep an eye out for that quiet grace in action, for those smiles.

For all that you do,  
Paul

## Always a beginner...

*By Jackie Falk, Seminary Intern*

One understanding of a pilgrimage is to go to a place of God, seeking a truth there with the intention of carrying the "boon," the beneficial learning back to one's community. Not always, but sometimes, implicit in the making of a pilgrimage is a sense of trepidation or foreboding about the undertaking and the finding of the truth of God one seeks.

As part of my seminary studies, Denny and I will be joining others to make a pilgrimage in March to San Salvador, El Salvador, to participate in the commemoration events for the 30th anniversary of Bishop Oscar Romero's assassination, killed because he spoke out on behalf of the poor. Part of the pilgrimage work for this trip is study: study of the liberation theology that has risen in Latin America, and specifically study of the theology of martyrdom that is

unique to El Salvador. Part of the pilgrimage work will be to visit other parts of El Salvador, a beautiful physical setting, but which bears a painful history of conflict and an overlay of great poverty.

To come face-to-face with death and suffering frightens me. Almost without knowing my intention, I have carefully protected myself from having to come too close... The fear has inhibited my faithful following of Jesus. I am not the first. Stories of St. Francis recount that he was raised in ease and luxury, and lepers repulsed him. In his journey towards God, St. Francis experienced the in-breaking of God on the day he kissed a leper with love. Nearer to our time, Tony Compolo, an evangelical preacher, was brought to Duluth in an ecumenical event a few years ago. He told in detail his story of recoiling at the thankful hug from a street person. I feel embarrassed when I recoil inside and turn away from sights and images that cause me pain—wanting them to be gone when I turn back.

I am surely a beginner at facing the truth of suffering and martyrdom. The trip to El Salvador is a pilgrimage I am making to open the door of my own understanding. I will open that door by speaking honestly of my fear, not going alone, and trusting God to break through my fearful resistance. Please wish me God Speed.

Jackie

## WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir    5:30: Dinner for all    6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets  
6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room (Inquirers Class Feb. 3) 6:15pm: Senior Choir  
7pm: Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday Service; Feb. 24—Prayers around the Cross  
7-8:30pm: Youth Group/Confirmation (Confirmation Feb. 3 and 24 -**Note change**)  
Boards and Committees meet on February 9 at 6 pm



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

Faith Weavers is an amazing program that occurs on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm for Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade children. Activities include games, skits and crafts that relate to our everyday faith.

**Adult volunteer/helpers are needed!**



### PEACE PUPPETS 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders— 6-7pm in Lakeview Room Peace Puppets Go Green!

Peace Puppets have been invited to take part in the Treasures of the Earth Green Art Fair Saturday, March 27 at the Unitarian Church. And with Earth Day coming quickly after that, we are working on many special Green Puppet Activities – Parents, a letter will be coming to your house with more information.

We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. New kids are always welcome!

## CONFIRMATION

**Class meets from 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, February 3 and Wednesday, February 24. Note the Change due to Winter Break!**

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

**Wednesday, February 3** – The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 3 and 4

**No Class February 17** – School Break

**Wednesday, February 17** – Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Bonus Worship Points – counts for 2!!!

**Wednesday, February 24** – The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 5 and 6

If you miss a class you can make it up the following Wednesday!  
Pastor Kathy does keep track of attendance.

### Children's Choir

All children age 3 to grade 5 are invited to join Kids Choir. We practice every Wednesday @ 5-5:30 pm, singing rousers, playing get to know you games, and learning fun songs to perform in Church! Come as a family and join in the fun. For more info talk with Kim Sturtz or Jim Pospisil.



## Church School News

### Sunday School Info

Just a heads up for everyone and a reminder!

Sunday School Starts @ 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a large group opener. We sing songs, celebrate birthdays, take our offering, and have an introduction to the lesson for the day. Then kids go to their classrooms by grade.

Church School Schedules are located on the table by the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary.

### Sunday School Teachers!

Meeting will be held @ **8:30 in the Fireside Room Feb 7.**  
Also if you are needing any supplies for your classrooms let Kim know. We are making a list of items needed.

### Church School Sunday Themes

February 7 – "Casting Our Nets"

February 14 – "Signs of God"

February 21 – "Temptation of the Cupcake"

February 28 – "Love and a Big Hug"

### Acolyte Schedule

February 7 – Peter Tomhave, Gabriel Zaun

February 14 – Axel Aas, Hans Aas-Larson

February 21 – Molly Byrnes, Gabriel Ehlers-Nelson

February 28 – Connor and Hannah Feyen



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

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

### February 3rd — *For World*

#### "Olympics Value: Diversity"

Time for the Opening Ceremony! At my house, we toss a globe back and forth to see if we can find the country on the planet in the time it is announced. The world comes together for a common purpose at the Olympics. They bring many traditions and values, as well as many names for God.

### February 10th — *For Community/World*

#### "Olympics Value: Teamwork"

There's a lot of good that can be done when we work together to accomplish a goal. We can also have a lot of fun. Stay tuned.

### February 14th — *For Fun*

#### ALL CHURCH PARTY! "Love Tamales!"

Paul's family has a tradition of making Tamales for Valentine's Day (it's a long story). Join us in the Peace Church Kitchen after 3pm to help us prepare them. We'll feast around dinnertime! Special entertainment: "Wii Olympics"! Oh, and Paul and Eliot will show you how to do the "Bomba Dance" (which *should be* an Olympic sport).

### February 17th — *For Church*

#### "Olympic Value: Endurance"

There's a lot of things in this world that keep us running fast and spinning wildly. How to we keep a calm faith in the midst of it? We'll explore this by competing in the Peace Church Biathlon.

### February 24th — *For World*

#### "Olympics Value: Finesse"

When you face a sharp turn in life, what do you do? "Lean left! Lean right!" Time to compete in the Peace Church Luge! (Indoors, don't worry. Hey, we'll need some help setting this one up! Meet after dinner if you can.)

### Parents of Teens "Hang-Out Night"

Wednesday, February 17, 7pm  
*Raising teens? Want to talk about it?*

Join other parents for casual conversation about life with teenagers. Jane Ward will be facilitating this group.

*Sandwich Generation Parents—see page 6 for info on "Caring for Elders" Group.*

### Hey Youth Group!

This summer, Kathy had some work to do in Vancouver, so Eliot and I tagged along on the trip (I mean, why not?). We wound up having a great day riding the chairlifts and gondolas at Whistler/Blackcomb, where the Olympics are held this

month. I shared this story with Kim, and we got to daydreaming about what the "Peace Church Olympics" might look like. Then, when we saw the Olympic theme: "With Glowing Hearts" we decided it had to happen. Get yourselves in shape, people! "Peace Church Olympics" is coming! *Paul*



### Kim's Comments...

What is that crazy thing Paul is sitting next to in the picture above? *Kim has the answer.*

The mysterious stone figures that will be seen in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics are known as *Inukshuks* or *Carins* and can be found throughout the northern hemisphere. *Inukshuk* means "in the likeness of a human" in the Inuit language. They are monuments made of unworked stones that are used by the Inuit for communication and survival. Sometimes they look like a person, sometimes it's just a tall stacking of rocks. The traditional meaning of the inukshuk is "Someone was here" or "You are on the right path." As we begin to celebrate the Winter Olympics, we are going to look at these structures and look at our own faith paths. What has God shown you? Do you

feel like you are being directed the right way? Or do you feel like ignoring the signs? We'll be talking about this in Youth Group in different ways in February.



*Youth assembling Hygiene kits to send to Haiti.*



## PROPHETIC MINISTRIES

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Come check us out!!!

**Just Peace Committee:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at 6 p.m.; Colette Knudsen – contact person.

Mission: To plan, coordinate, educate, advocate, evaluate and empower social and economic justice and peace issues. Oversees the teams below.

**Dismantling Racism Team:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month at 6 p.m.; Essie Geiger – contact person.

Mission: To become a multiracial, multicultural, antiracist church, eliminating barriers, building bridges.

**Open and Affirming Team:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6 p.m.; Dennis Crumb – contact person.

Mission: To be an accessible, open and affirming community growing in Christian faith, committed to peace and justice, and reaching out in healing love to all people, respecting the diversity of people's sexual orientation, race, culture, gender, age, opinions and physical and mental abilities.

**Environment and Energy Team:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at 6 p.m.; Jesse Schomberg – contact person.

Mission: To identify, promote, and coordinate efforts to reduce the environmental footprints of Peace Church, its congregation, and connected communities.

**Seeds of Peace:** Meets as needed; Charley Kendall – contact person.

Mission: To strive for economic justice by working to provide credit to the disenfranchised through microfinance.

**Philippines/Liddles:** Meets as needed; Cynthia Coffin – contact person.

Mission: A partnership with the Surigao District Conference (SUDISCON) of the UCC in the Philippines; for Peace Church to walk with our partners in solidarity – in prayer, support, advocacy, and understanding the context and life of

### Circles of Support—Star Power

Thursday, February 18 from 5:30-8 p.m

A golden opportunity for Peace Folks to feel and see what oppression is like and learn to ally with the racially and economically oppressed. Come join a co-sponsored event by Circles of Support-Community Action Duluth, Peace Church, and Woodland Hills on . Dinner and childcare provided. Dinner at 5:30 and program at 6pm.

STAR POWER - An opportunity to participate in a simulation exercise whose primary focus is to gain an understanding of classism, racism and power.

Please let the office know if you can join us or contact Tanya Jackson (310-1977) or Linda Curran (348-7080) with any questions.

### Gardening in March? How about sowing seeds in the New Chapel downstairs?

Taeya Betts of Community Action Duluth, along with the children of Circles of Support, would like to turn the Peace Church garden into a food farm this year. And so, this is a call to all Peace Church families and gardeners who would like to join in. Taeya is planning on creating a joyful and delicious learning experience for the children.

If interested, call the church office, 724-3627, and sign up. Taeya will call you back with more information about how you can help out.

### Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Third Annual Fund Drive Dinner

Mark your calendars for March 20!!!

CJMM is holding its third annual fund drive dinner on Saturday, March 20 at Northland Country Club. Peace Church would like to sponsor some tables to support this wonderful event. The money helps to continue their work for racial justice and reconciliation. This year's event honors Dr. Robert Powless (Dr. Bob) UMD Professor Emeritus, American Indian Studies and Social Justice leader in the community. There will also be a time to honor Tony LaDeaux.

Good food, good people, good conversation, good cause! Contact Tanya Jackson (310-1977) or Linda Curran (348-7080) if you would like to reserve a spot.

### Back Bay Mission in Biloxi

• **Men's Work Camp to Back Bay Mission – Late Spring – Come Frame a House Together!**

For more information call Dan Green (724-7888) The dates in March when we had planned to go are not available at Back Bay, so we are waiting to hear about alternate dates later this spring. *Stay tuned!*

• **2011 Intergenerational Work Camp—August 28-September 3, 2011.** Mark your calendars!

These are the only dates they had open for a group our size. We will again be building homes with and for the people still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

What I Learned from Peace Church  
this Past Year

Written by Barbara Jean Allen  
on New Years Eve, Dec. 31, 2009

for New Years Eve service of Radical Inclusivity

*I learned to have peace and hope in my heart and soul.*

*I learned to help others besides myself.*

*I really enjoy being at peace. I wish there will be peace in the world next year 2010.*

*I wish there were a lot like me—caring, sharing and no violence on this earth.*

*Everyone should be exceptional to everyone on different subjects no matter what or who they are.*

*Peace Church has been good and accepts me for who I am- a very special person.*

*Well, everyone is in my world. Everyone is special in their own way, in their own time. Hard times or not.*

Paintings by Marijke Logan  
on our Gallery Walls

Marijke's paintings are made up of childhood icons and found materials, mixed together with color and emotion. "Contrasting images, colors, and emotions are the 'chemicals' I use to reconfigure and redefine my life and peace of mind."

Property Committee

The cold weather has kept the leaking roof at bay for now, and space heaters in the Fireside Room seem to be doing an adequate job of making the room useable. The indoor plant care committee is functioning well and the plants reflect that.

**We need a work day to clean the sanctuary, narthex, and Fireside Room. Saturday February 13 is available. Any volunteers?**

The new coffee maker works!!! What a wonderful addition to our kitchen. And how about those round tables!!! They are no longer an embarrassment.

Use of the building by Circles of Support continues to grow and is a wonderful program that meets both Peace's mission as well as Community Action's. Providing and coordinating use of space requires more effort now, and both organizations are working to make this a smooth and respectful operation.

Mary Martin ~ 720-5894 or [marylmartin29@gmail.com](mailto:marylmartin29@gmail.com)

Peace Church Library — Check it out!

Circulation statistics for 2009 show that 167 books were checked out of the adult library and 134 were returned. There were 285 books checked out of the children's library and 249 were returned. This is up from 2008, but there are still lots of books on the shelves.

We are nearing completion of the nonfiction portion of the card catalog. When it is completed we will be doing an inventory to see what books have disappeared in the last few years. It is easier to get an accurate count if most of the books are on the shelf, so if you have any library books that you are not currently using please return them.



New adult books:

*Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

*Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris

*The Field Guide to Parenting* by Shelly Butler and Deb Kratz

*Playing It by Heart : Taking Care of Yourself No Matter What* by Melody Beattie

*Chicken Soup for the Surviving Soul : 101 Healing Stories of Courage and Inspiration* by Jack Canfield and others

*The Fragile Bond : in Search of an Equal, Intimate and Enduring Marriage* by Augustus Y Napier

*Truck : A Love Story* by Michael Perry

*Ranch of Dreams : The Heartwarming Story of America's Most Unusual Animal Sanctuary* by Cleveland Amory

*The Church and the Homosexual* by John J McNeill

New children's books:

*The Hungry Thing* by Jan Slepian and Ann Seidler

*If You Give a Moose a Muffin* by Laura Joffe Numeroff

*The Usborne Book of Origami* by Kate Needham

*The Farmer in the Dell : A Singing Game*

*A Book of Seasons* by Alice and Martin Provensen

*Let's Talk About Needing Attention* by Joy Berry

RECYCLING PEACE

Did you start the new year off with new socks? Here's a good way to recycle the old ones. **Melissa Boyle needs your old holey, woolly or heavy weight winter socks** (no dress socks or athletic socks please) to transform into darn!socks cat toys. You can leave them in them in the sock box next to the food shelf collection bin (by the lower parking lot door). For more info email [marvelousmelissa@fastmail.fm](mailto:marvelousmelissa@fastmail.fm).

**There is an extra roaster insert** in the basement storeroom—does it belong to you?

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

~ Romans 8:38-39

I have been grieving these past few days since the earthquake struck in Haiti on January 12, 2010. I grieve for the people of Haiti who barely had anything and now have nothing. Also, I can't tell you how deeply broken I am about the loss of a good friend, Benjamin Larson. He was doing seminary work with his wife, Renee, and his cousin Jon, when the quake hit. They were all together on the third floor of a home for boys, when the concrete of two floors above them collapsed. Renee and Jon crawled out, but Ben did not.

I know we all have great friends, and people who leave an impression on our lives. For me, Ben was one of a handful of people who have taught me that living your life for Christ can be done, with unconditional love, humor, kindness, and most of all, music.



I met Ben on a hill outside of Wartburg Theological Seminary, in Dubuque Iowa, in September of 2007. I was a new youth ministry certification student and he was there with his cousin Jon playing a guitar. Ben and Jon were so kind as to ask me if I needed help, walked me around campus, and introduced me to people, most importantly, calmed my fears about being 7 hours from home, about to start on a new life path.

At chapel, Ben played beautiful music to help me see God in a new light. Banjos, mandolins, djembe, and global music were shown, and also Ben and his wife's talent. Before classes began, he and his wife, sat and drank coffee with us and made us certification students feel just as important as any full time Masters of Divinity Student.

When his mother became the Senior Pastor at First Lutheran, I was excited because I knew we would be seeing a lot of Ben, Renee, and Jon. All wonderful people who showed love unconditionally, bravely, and humbly. This summer, Ben, Jon, and Renee and I got to sing together for First Lutheran at the outdoor worship services two weeks in a row, in Leif Erikson park. It is a very fond memory of mine because I felt honored to sing with Ben and his family, but also a bittersweet one because it won't happen again for a long time.

During those two weeks he and his wife were here in Duluth, we got to visit with him and his family, and his beautiful wife, at his parents home and talk over many things with First Lutheran's high school leadership team. It was truly a huge GOD moment. I kept thinking at the time how interesting it is that in God's family how closely circles start to form, how we are brought together in different life situations, how we meet people for certain reasons.

I am devastated in thinking that Ben is gone. He made every person he met feel loved by God and every person feel like they were the most important person of all. Mostly I feel for his wife Renee and his family who are the most broken by losing him. For them this must be almost unbearable. We as Christians know the hope that is in Christ, who we know Ben is being cradled by now, because Ben's arms through his whole life represented His arms.

Ben's voice has been ringing in my head these last few days from those Sundays we sang together in Duluth this past summer. All I keep hearing is, "Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest. To God Be Glory Forever. Alleluia Amen." Benjamin in Hebrew means "Son of my right hand," I know in my heart this is who Ben was, where he is now, and in that, I take my only comfort. Ben will be missed very much, by many thousands of people that he humbly loved, and we will carry the torch of love that he so carefully set ablaze. I feel blessed for having been given the chance to be a small part of Ben's life. He has made such a huge impact on me. God bless you Pastor Benjamin Judd Larson.

Ben, I will see you on the other side. Hopefully when that happens, we can laugh and sing, and rock out on the banjo.  
Much Love, Kim Sturtz (Children's Minister)



### 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Join us as we celebrate our commitment to be effective servants

to a God of compassion and justice.

~Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> ~

6:30 p.m. social / 7 p.m. meeting & worship

Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers**

Conference Minister of the MN Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Pilgrim Congregational Church ~

2310 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Business to attend to: We have a proposed amendment to our governing documents to open membership in CHUM to Temple Israel and the Islamic Center of Twin Ports. Both groups have been actively involved with CHUM for years.

### SAVE GAMC RALLY AT THE CAPITOL

FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>—11:30AM-1PM

**A bus will depart from parking lot at First United Methodist Church in Duluth at 8:30am and arrive back at approximately 4:00pm.**

For more information, or to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact

Elizabeth at CHUM : 218-740-2496  
eolson@chumduluth.org

### Needs at CHUM

**The Food Shelf** is looking for 1 dozen size egg cartons. We no longer take medication bottles.

**Nurse Clinic** could use NEW tubes of denture adhesive and denture cleaner.

**Rhubarb Festival** needs ½-pint canning jars and lids now, for making jams, jellies and syrup.

## PEACE PEOPLE

### THANK YOU

- Thank you! Thank you! For a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. I have loved all the cards and the notes. I am grateful for all the ways my family and I have been cared for these past 18 years. I can't imagine life without this place and people. Thank you – Kathy
- To Gail Blum for decorating the wishing frame for Kathy, and to Nancy Nelson for transferring all the email wishes to the small colored paper for the wishing frame. *(If you missed a chance to write a greeting to Kathy, stop by the office—there's room for more greetings.)*
- Thanks to Cathy Wood, plant care coordinator, and her team of plant care workers—the plants are looking great! Thank you for your time and great attention to our plants...people do notice and appreciate it!
- From Liz Olson: "On behalf of all the families we serve at CHUM, thank you for the hard work that was done on January 9th at the Family Shelter. The work that was accomplished that day was incredible, and we at CHUM are very excited about the continued relationship between Peace and the family shelter."
- To everyone who provided materials for the hygiene kits for Haiti, the youth made over 135 kits that were shipped to Church World Service.
- To our choir, the Peace band, Clear and the Hootenany for all the great music for our worship
- To our Coordinating Council for all their hard work on our balanced 2010 budget. A special thanks to Denise Hamsher our moderator, Dick Goese our treasurer, and Mike Swanoski our Vice Moderator.
- To Lisa Pomroy and Justin Pomroy for agreeing to co-chair our upcoming capital campaign. This effort will be aimed at paying off our debt on the new sanctuary, finishing the chapel/multi-purpose space downstairs and repairing the flat roof.
- To Mary Martin, Doug Bowen-Bailey and Brad Larson for putting re-enforcers on our round table edges. Special thanks to Mary for seeing this project through.
- To Denise Perry and Mary Martin for the many building needs they tend to on a weekly basis. Truly they are church angels.
- From Loaves and Fishes: "We are very thankful for the great abundant pies for our Christmas party. It was a festive occasion for many of our former and current guests who are living on the margins. With gratitude, Greg, for all at Loaves and Fishes".
- From Linda Riddle: "Dear Rev. Kathy and Peace Choir Guys, I can't thank you enough for singing on Dec. 5 as part of St. Mark AME's 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration. The song choices and presentation were amazing and totally enjoyed by everybody there. Thank you for being part of a dynamic community of faith!"
- From Tammy Lemke and Marshall Moen at the St. Louis County Jail: "Thank you once again for the cookies and cards at Christmas. We so much appreciate all you do for us each year. Just to let you know we appreciate you so much and you do make a difference. God bless you and your congregation for their generosity. All the cookies were so good." *Note to Pastor Kathy: "Thank you so much for all that you and your church do for us! I can't put a count on the number of people that you have helped. Thank you so much."*
- From the UCC Wider Church Ministries: Thank you for your two recent gifts of \$725 and \$635 to support the work of Tom and Monica Liddle in East Timor. The Liddles work is so important! They are truly making a difference in that fragile country and church!
- From Northern Communities Land Trust: Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$500. With your support, we were able to help 36 households become happy homeowners. We are so grateful for your generosity and your support!
- From Grandmothers for Peace: Many thanks for assisting in the 2009 Grandmothers for Peace Peaceful Toy Drive. With your help we were once again able to provide nonviolent toys to dozens of children in our area. We so much appreciate the work of our community partners in our toy drive.
- From United Theological Seminary: Thank you for your 2009 contribution of \$945 to our annual fund drive. Your generous support provides the financial resources that are essential to the education of our students who are responding to a deep call to serve the church and society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are grateful for your commitment to the intellectual, spiritual, and ethical formation of our students who are dedicated to making a more just and loving world.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- To Kenzie Jo Kujawa, daughter of Jessica Brickson and Joseph Kujawa, baptized on Sunday January 24.
- To Clara Calgren, daughter of Kevin and Sonya Calgren and to Kevin, both baptized on Jan. 31.
- To Elise and Colin Westbrook, children of Amy and Tavis Westbrook, baptized on January 10th.
- To Clare Boyle, daughter of Jennifer and Patrick Boyle, also baptized on January 10th.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Tom, Monica and Hannah Liddle, our missionaries in East Timor. They are expecting a baby in mid-February. You can find out more about their experiences at their blog, monicaliddle.com.
- The people of Haiti. . thanks to all who helped with the items for the hygiene kits that were sent to Haiti through Church World Service. We sent over 160 kits! Thanks also to all who contributed to One Great Hour Sharing for relief in Haiti.
- Jane Aas recovering at home from a fall on ice in which she fractured her spine
- Tommie Adams waiting for a liver transplant. Many thanks to Mary Adams, Nettie Bothwell and others who have been helping Tommie and her grandchildren
- Barb Forest recovering at home from a car accident

SYMPATHY

- To Julie Deters on the death of her father, Maynard.
- To Mary Sue Taallerud on the death of her mother.

- 1 Kate Nicoletti  
Earl Rosenwinkel  
Lydia Peterson
- 3 Ben Hlina  
Sandy Sandomierski  
Megan Manthey  
Nic Zeitler  
Rowan Lundell
- 4 Teran Lind  
Melanie Lundell
- 5 Gail Blum  
Peggy Skylondz  
Ryan Fralich
- 6 Ann Sudoh
- 7 Colby Larson
- 8 Jim Filby Williams
- 9 Andrew Webster
- 10 Douglas Cran  
Trudy Schwerdt
- 11 Chris Larsen
- 13 Kai Sandal  
Hannah Everett
- 14 Meg Petra
- 15 Laurie Walker  
Hannah Liddle
- 17 Jill Valerius
- 19 Inez Rindal  
Matt Johnson

- 19 Grant Cook  
Ben Tomhave
- 20 Christina Marie  
Langdon-Larson  
Christina Mulozzi  
Connor Friday
- 21 Azalea Steffes  
Annette Strom
- 22 Tom Wilkowske  
Eli Nelson  
Heather Pierce
- 23 Eugene Hohmeister  
Elrose Norfolk  
Brian Timm
- 24 Jessica Olson  
Zachary Murphy  
Ingrid Johnson-Evavold  
Gabe Krieg
- 25 Diana (Soland) Machones  
Matthew Swanoski  
Caroline Harris
- 26 Will Mitchell  
Cindy Martins  
Haley Montgomery
- 27 Phyllis Mead  
Martha Minchak  
Marisa Krueger
- 28 Marian Jensen



MEMORIALS

For Harriet Peterson from Bruce Peterson and Dick and Jan Eschbach.

A donation to buy a flowering shrub in Dorrie Godden's memory from her cousin Hope Lund. Steve Coll will buy and plant the shrub in the spring. Hope also donated a plaque to be placed near the shrub.



Dear my friends, we have received your letter. We are so happy about that but because we're not good at English so it's so hard to talk to you. But I think our relationship never change.

How are you ? How are you doing everyday? Still good ? I hope that The God always be with you and keep your family safe. Currently, we are not even good. Sometimes we feel uncomfortable in our wrist, hand and leg. We walk slowly, and even be diabetes, Tai is very well-behaved. He goes to works every days. Saturday and Sunday he stays at home. He likes to eat Pho on those days. His income per week is 6.7 \$. We are really happy because he got a good life. This

letter my grandchild wrote it for me. He came from Vietnam and have been stayed here almost 2years. He is very good, best student and he got 4.00 last year. Finally, we are really happy. Thanks God.

In the end, I want to give our thanks to the people from the Church. In the past they helped us a lot, we will never forget about it. It's been really good time. We older everyday and cant speak English so can't call you from the phone directly. Those sentences, I want to give it all to you and the God bless you and be with you and the people from the church.

Phuoc and Hoa family (Letter from Vietnamese family associated with Peace Church many years ago.)  
~ Submitted by Sharon Kirtley

## COMMUNITY

James Moors in concert  
Friday February 5 at 7pm  
Duluth Congregational Church  
Tickets ~ \$15

UWS Brass Trio Recital  
February 16 at 7:30pm  
UWS, Webb Recital Hall  
Jill Pospisil on French Horn,  
Earl Salemink on trumpet  
and Tracey Gibbens on trombone  
Tickets: \$12, \$10 students/seniors

Fourth Annual Celebrity Dance Challenge  
Thursday Feb. 11 at 7:30  
Fregeau Auditorium, Marshall School  
Tickets \$20, child \$12

Peace Church member Melissa Kadlec will be participating in this fundraiser for the Minnesota Ballet, dancing a modern waltz with the Minnesota Ballet's Igor Burlak. Come cheer them on and give them your vote.

Where Feather Meets Cross—St. Enmegahbowh's  
Service of Purification with Communion  
February 14 and 28 at 5pm at Peace UCC  
Open potluck follows the service.

Peace Cabaret 2—Mississippi Civil Rights Project  
Fundraiser and Photography Exhibit Reception  
Monday February 1, 7-10, \$5 suggested donation  
Venue at Mohaupt Block  
2024 W Superior St.

Program introduced by Claudie Washington, NAACP.  
Portia Johnson as Sojourner Truth, Mary Cameron as Fannie Lou Hamer, Xavier Bell as Martin Luther King, Jr., Barton Sutter as Robert F. Kennedy, David Comer as Stokely Carmichael, and Claire Kirch as Barbara Jordan. 60s and 70s music with freedom songs.

View Sue Sojourner's photography exhibit, "The Some People of that Place—1960s Holmes County, Mississippi: The Local People and Their Civil Rights Movement"

Picture Directories are here.  
You may pick one up in the office.

"Welcoming Diversity: A Community Forum Regarding Coming Changes in our Schools" will be held at Pilgrim Congregational Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7pm.

Laurie Knapp, Ron Hagland, Linda Grover and a representative of Students for the Future will discuss anticipated racial and socio-economic changes in the student bodies at the eastern high and middle schools, and how those changes can enrich the school experience. The presentations will include ways that the community, parents, and students can positively welcome these changes.

### Latino Voices:

#### Immigration in OUR Community

You are invited to hear from Latino voices in our community who will share their experiences at two events, both on **Monday, February 8, 2010**.

**Noon - 1:30 pm**, Center for Economic Development, 11 E. Superior St, Duluth

**4 pm - 5:30 PM**, the Rafters, University of MN-Duluth This program is co-sponsored by ELCA Immigration Task Force, League of Women Voters Duluth, Resource Center of the Americas, UMD Latino/Chicano Student Programs and the Latino/Chicano Student Association, and Peace UCC.

#### Family Dance at Peace Church, Saturday Feb. 20, 7 PM

Tamarack Folk Dance Association will hold a family dance with the music provided by the O'Neil Family Band from East Grand Forks with Terrance Smith and Jean O'Neil calling. The dance starts at 7 PM with kid-friendly dances, then more adult/kids dances after 8 PM. All dances are taught and beginners are welcome. Admission is \$8 adults, \$6 members and \$2 kids. Refreshments provided. For further information check out [www.tamarackdance.org](http://www.tamarackdance.org).

#### Looking For A Few Good Bikes

**United Way of Greater Duluth** will host its **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Swap on April 17 & 18, 2010**.

They are looking for bikes in reasonable condition for resale. Proceeds support local community initiatives. **If you could collect and store bikes**,

contact Libby Keskitalo, at 726-4898 or [unitedwaybikeswap@gmail.com](mailto:unitedwaybikeswap@gmail.com)

# FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

## Nursery

- 7 Jill Pospisil, Beth Kinney, Annie Rupert
- 14 Echo Funk or Nick Schutz, Alison Wood, Britt or Leon Rohrbaugh
- 21 Sophie Wilkowske, Christina-Marie Langdon-Larson, Molly Stapleton-Clard
- 28 Kristina Green, Melanie Lundell, Mary Adams

## Greeters

- 7 Katey Fornear, **Volunteer Needed**
- 14 Laurie & Mariah Berner
- 21 Bill Hardesty & Georgette Sarkela
- 28 Loni Cran-Hovis, Tavis Westbrook

## Lay Readers

- 7 Kay Stevens
- 14 Lynn Devlin
- 21 Rene Montgomery
- 28 Steve Coll

## 8:30 Communion Bread

- 7 Steve Coll
- 14 White Family
- 21 Annette Strom
- 28 Janell Kohls

## Damiano Soup Kitchen

### February 14

- 1:30 - Penny Cragun, Patrick Boyle, Jayme Hennen
- 4:30 - Betty Greene, Pat Sjoding, Denise Hamsher, Robin Davidson

## Monday Meal

### at Loaves and Fishes

- 8 Marlis Cran
- 15 Kim Squillace
- 22 Daina Rosen
- 3/1 Pat Sjoding

## Ushers

- 7 Sheryl Filby Williams, Jayme Hennen, Essie Geiger, Cindy Macaulay
- 14 Caroline Harris, Loni Cran-Hovis, Hysteads
- 21 Elsie Cook, Nettie Bothwell, Guy and Nadine Hubert
- 28 Devlins, Seversons

## Wednesday Dinner Helpers

If you enjoy our Wednesday meals, please sign up to help with prep or clean-up! Nadine does a great job, but **she needs your help!**

### 4:30 prep

- 3 Ameels
- 10 **Volunteers needed**
- 17 Meads
- 24 Nettie

### Clean-up

- Shalimar, Susan Hawkinson
- Nettie B.
- Holly B-B
- Cizzarie S.

**More volunteers are needed each Wednesday!**



## COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

### February Coffee Hour

#### **Coordinators:**

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

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

#### **February 7**

Set up: Devlins  
 Serve: Ameels, Tom Stackland,  
 Clean-up: Heidi Severson, Ameels  
 5 doz. Cookies: Ameel, Colette Knudsen

#### **February 14**

Set up: Rick/Karen Morgan  
 Serve: Rick/Karen Morgan  
 Clean-up: Melissa Boyl/Jen Stenersen  
 5 doz. Cookies: McLean, Morgan

#### **February 21**

Set up: Susan Ranfranz  
 Serve: Beth Kinney  
 Clean-up: Blum/Ericksons  
 5 doz. Cookies: Blum, Ranfranz

#### **February 28**

Set up: Help needed  
 Serve: Help needed  
 Clean-up: Denise Perry  
 5 doz. Cookies: Carolyn Williams, Emily Ramsey

**THANK YOU!**

### Coming up — March

#### **Coordinators:**

**Lisa And Bill Pomroy, 525-1091**

**Marge Paulson, 464-0561**

John And Kathy Bray, 525-4220

Steve Coll, 726-0694

Karola & Rick Dalen, 384-9779

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Wes & Joan Severson, 728-4104

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