



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

JANUARY 2010

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



Kate Skwira-Brown as Mary carries Baby Jesus, played this year by Colin Westbrook, in our annual Peace Church Christmas Pageant.

Thanks to the kids, teachers and parents for all your work!

DVDs of the Christmas Pageant are available in the office for \$10. It will also be on our Website, www.peaceucc.org.

Another Awesome Artist's Cabaret

on Saturday, January 30: at 7 PM

Please tell your friends and family about another great night of entertainment (poets, comics, dancers, musicians and actors) at Peace Church. Admission is \$10 (adults).

Refreshments served

At the Cabaret, we share our talents for approximately 5 to 10 minutes each. If you are a singer or instrumentalist, our music minister Jim Pospisil is available for accompaniment, just ask him for a rehearsal time (jjpospisil@aol.com or 724-8337).

For more Cabaret information or to get on the evening roster of artists, call Susan Ranfranz, 525-7369 or duluthfernstone@gmail.com. To supply a short performer bio for our printed program, send it to Steve Coll (scoll69@hotmail.com).

Great fun and artistic growth await us!

Please attend our Annual Financial Meeting on Sunday January 24 at 11:30.

See page 3, and Long Range Plan insert.

Peace Church is "adopting" the Chum Transitional Family Shelter

Workday — Saturday, January 9, 10am-2pm

During that day we hope to do lots of cleaning, moving in of furniture and general repairs. Since the families can't be in their apartments that day, there will be a special games day and lunch at the Drop In Center. Pastor Kathy will be coordinating that. Please call the office if you can help with cleaning, moving, repairs, lunch or playing with the children. (more on page 14)

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Events in the Twin Ports

Friday January 15th

Happy Birthday Dr. King!

Reawakening the Poor People's Campaign

Saturday January 16th

"Many Acts of Goodness They Had Shown Me",
Reader's Theater by Carl Gawboy

Monday January 18th

Free Community Breakfast

March to and Rally at the DECC

See page 11 for more info

or go to <http://mlk-duluth.org/home.html>

FROM LEAD PASTOR KATHY NELSON

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60: 1

These words from the prophet are central to the season of Epiphany which lasts from January 6th until Ash Wednesday in mid- February. This is a season to reflect on how God's light and love have been made known to each of us and how we can carry that light into our corners of God's world.

On December 21st a group of us gathered again for a Solstice Celebration. Jim McLean made a beautiful Yule Log with a candle in the center and holly and ivy around it. We placed it outside the sanctuary on the new patio and then lit it with kindling and logs in a portable fire pit. About 30 of us gathered to mark the longest night of the year. We sang a little — "In the Bleak Mid Winter" didn't go so well. We did better with "This Little Light of Mine".

There was light and warmth in the gathering as we roasted hot dogs over the fire and tossed into the flames scraps of paper on which we had written things we needed to let go of.

After eating hotdogs and so much more, we watched the solstice episode from Northern Exposure. It's the episode where all the residents of the small town of Cicely, Alaska, turn out to witness the unveiling of a giant light sculpture by the town's resident deejay, philosopher and poet-artist, Chris. The sculpture is created with lights of every kind that Chris has begged, borrowed or stolen from his neighbors. There are lava lamps, reading lights, neon bar lights and strands and strands of Christmas lights. The sculpture is a symbol of the community, because each piece can be traced back to its various owners. Each member of Cicely contributed their little light to the creation of the whole.

At the very end of the episode Chris speaks these words and then throws the switch on his light creation.

Goethe's final words: "More light." Ever since we crawled out of that primordial slime, that's been our unifying cry: "More light." Sunlight. Torchlight. Candlelight. Neon. Incandescent. Lights to banish the darkness from our caves, to illuminate our roads, the insides of our refrigerators. Big floods for the night games at Soldier's field. Little tiny flashlight for those books we read under the covers when we're supposed to be asleep. Light is more than watts and foot-candles. Light is metaphor. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet." "Rage, rage against the dying of the light." "Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom. Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home. Lead Thou me on!" "Arise, shine, for thy light has come." Light is knowledge. Light is life. Light is light.

May you know God's light and love this Epiphany. May each of your lights shine as together we create with God our Sculpture, something healing and magnificent.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Pastor Kathy is on Vacation from December 25th – January 5th.

Also she will be at the Conversations 2010 Conference in Georgia from the afternoon of January 10 -14th. Paul Van Antwerp will be available for pastoral needs that arise. Call the office, or Paul at 349-0143.

Stewardship Drive Update "Together on the Road with Jesus"

Thanks to all who have returned their financial pledges for 2010. We are grateful for everyone's support of this congregation and the journey we are on together. To date we have 191 pledges totaling \$296,000.

We need \$30,000 more in pledges to make our 2010 budget. Let us know if you can help us stretch to meet this goal. **Are you able to add to your pledge?** Or if you haven't sent your pledge, please turn it in as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available at the church, or you can speak with Beth Chelseth our bookkeeper.

Pledges are currently behind \$24,000 for 2009—if you are able to catch up on your 2009 giving it will help us end the year in better shape! To be included in your 2009 statement, all contributions must be dated on or before December 31. If mailed, they must be postmarked on or before December 31. Any contribution received after Monday, January 4 will appear on your 2010 statement.

TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Teams and Committees will meet on
Wednesday, January 13.

Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 pm
with meetings beginning at 6 pm.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on
Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm in the Conference Room. This is a crucial meeting as we finalize the 2010 Budget.

SUNDAYS in JANUARY

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

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

Sunday, January 3rd – Epiphany Sunday

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

Sermon: Paul Van Antwerp will be our preacher this morning

We will celebrate communion at both our services.

Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of Christ

Scripture: Luke 3: 15 – 17 and 21 – 22

Sermon: "Affirmed by Love" – Pastor Kathy preaching.

This morning we will celebrate the baptism of Colin Westbrook, son of Tavis and Amy Westbrook. Our choir and Ron Deters will provide special music.

Winter Camp Meeting following the 10:30 service in the Fireside Room.

Sunday, January 17 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: John 2: 1 - 11

Sermon: "Extravagant Sign"

Special music by Clear and our choir this morning. We will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Meditation and Healing Circle at 11:30.

Sunday, January 24 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 4: 14 – 21

Sermon: "Good News"

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

The Agenda includes:

- Adoption of the Proposed 2010 Budget
- Adoption of the 2010 – 2012 Long Range Plan (see insert)
- Vote on hiring a group to help us with Phase 3 Capital Fund Drive

Sunday, January 31 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sermon by Gary Anderson and Sally Larson

Inquirer's Classes

**Wednesdays, January 27 and February 3
6 - 7:30 pm 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.

Meditation and Healing Circle

*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. Think of the possibilities! After the meditation, Erin will share some spiritually based tools for self-healing, distant healing (prayer), and for working with loved ones. We will support one another through group healing sessions. 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 at 218-341-3411.

Erin will also share three private healing sessions per month. If you are interested or if you know of someone in our congregation that would benefit from healing sessions, please contact Pastor Kathy at 724-3637.

POETRY AT PEACE: POEMS OF GRIEF AND GRATITUDE

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. There will also be music, and an opportunity to remember and honor our loved ones who have died.

This event will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., after the second worship service. It will be in the sanctuary of Peace Church. We hope you can join us for this time of reflection and celebration.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

UNNATURAL CAUSES – *Throughout the month of January* the Adult Forums will feature the documentary, *UNNATURAL CAUSES*, which explores racial and socio-economic inequities in health care. Each week we will view one segment of the series, after which panelists will offer a brief discussion and will be open to your questions and comments.

UNNATURAL CAUSES challenges the conventional approach to prevention, which has mostly been limited to encouraging healthy behaviors. But much of what can improve health lies outside an individual's control: better land use, transportation and business investment; ensuring that every neighborhood has access to supermarkets and healthy foods – not just fast food, liquor joints and convenience stores; creating safe streets and green space so people can walk, jog, bike and play; investing in our schools; guaranteeing paid vacations, paid family leave, and living wage jobs with career ladders.

In the past, societal changes have loosened the “wealth-health” linkage and improved health status overall. Researchers attribute the 30 year increase in U.S. life expectancy over the 20th century not merely to new drugs and medical technologies but to social-reforms such as the eight-hour workday, child labor laws, universal high school, civil rights laws, a progressive income tax, social security, and the right to form unions that ensured that benefits from economic growth were shared more widely.

UNNATURAL CAUSES makes the case that—despite past gains—America has been moving in the

wrong direction in more recent years. Today, the top one percent of the population holds as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent. Approximately 22 percent of children live in poverty. As inequality grows, the U.S. life expectancy ranking continues to drop – down from the top five in the 1950s, and lower than even a few years ago as more countries surpass the U.S. with better health. Renowned health experts contend that Americans not only need universal health care to treat illness, but also better and more equitable social and economic policies that can protect and promote health in the first place. Social policy, they say, is health policy. These are stories about health, but not about doctors or drugs. Instead the stories are about why some of us get sicker more often and die sooner in the first place.

Beginning January 3 & 6 (Wednesday evening)

Two showings of *In Sickness and in Wealth*

What connections exist between healthy bodies, healthy bank accounts, and skin color?

January 10: *When the Bough Breaks...*

How racism gets embedded in the body and affects birth outcomes.

January 17: *Becoming American*

Latino immigrants arrive healthy, but don't stay that way.

January 24: *Bad Sugar*

Diabetes in two Native American communities.

January 31: *Not Just a Pay Check*

Unemployment takes a toll in Michigan, but not in Sweden.

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. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

Monday January 4 & 18 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.

Reading, Writing, and Reflection Group

January 7 — 6:30-8:30pm

Please join us on the first Thursday of each month as we read a short passage, exercise our writer's minds, and share if we would like. All are invited.

SAVE THE DATE! COVENANT GROUP LENTEN BIBLE STUDY on LUKE-ACTS

Thursday Evenings 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Soup Supper and Study

February 18 & 25, 2010

March 4 & 10, 2010

led by Jackie Falk, Seminary Intern

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

PEACE CHURCH WINTER CAMPERS!

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

Winter camp is fast approaching. We are almost full, but we do still have a few spots open. We are planning for a weekend of relaxation and outside adventure. DuNord is close to a number of ski trails, a lake for ice fishing, and hills for sledding. If that is not your bag, the cabins are equipped with everything you need to cuddle up and read your favorite book.

We will be having our planning meeting for winter camp on January 10th after the 10:30 service. We will discuss lodging, food, our schedule and also collect money for the trip. The cost is \$60 per person for everyone ages 3 and up. Camp DuNord does offer a third night free, so if you can manage it with work schedules and such, you are welcome to come up on Thursday and make it a long weekend. If you are not able to be at the meeting, please let me know, so I can get you copies of information you will need. Questions? Please call me, Cizzarie Schomberg 525-0325 or leave a message with the office.

← Intergenerational Events ↓

Game Night: Thursday, January 14th, 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.

ALL CHURCH PARTY! TUBING! (TUBBING?) January 13th, 7 - 9:00

Bring your families (age 7 or older) and your sense of adventure and join the Youth Group for an evening of Snow Tubing at Mont Du Lac Recreation. Meet at the church at 7pm to carpool. Cost is \$10/person. Scholarships are available. Contact Paul with questions.

MLK March and Rally: Monday, January 18th

Meet at 10:15am at the church to carpool to Washington Center. We'll march to the DECC for the Rally at 11:45. Bring snacks to eat along the way. Contact Paul with questions, 349-0143.

NEW!

Shared Ministry Exploratory

Meeting Thursday, Jan. 28, 6:30pm

Join Paul Van Antwerp and Georgette Sarkela as we explore new Shared Ministry resources to help connect our members with our church's missional call to service.

Caring for Elderly Relatives?

It's hard, but you are not alone. **A group for support and conversation is forming.** Meet on January 27th at 7pm by the couches in the narthex to explore this new resource for support. Questions? Contact Paul.

ON-GOING GROUPS

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday Jan. 28 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!

PALS (Peace Adults Learning & Socializing)

Prepare and serve dinner at CHUM on Thursday January 28
Watch your email for more details!

Men's Breakfast January 7 & 21

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

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

January 13 & 27

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!

Peace Church Hootenanny

Folk Music Group

Friday January 22 at 7pm

This month's Hoot will be hosted by Jenny and Walter Wedan, 5428 Avondale St., Duluth. Join your fellow Peace Church folkies for a casual evening of music. Bring your instruments, voices, and favorite folk songs. We're also on for music the following Sunday—any folk songs to share that nourish your faith? All are welcome and wallflowers are encouraged! Contact Paul with questions—and to get on the email list.

UP-COMING EVENTS

February 13 – Peace Prom

March 6– 13: Men's Work Camp to Back Bay Mission

March 18 – 20 Men's Retreat – If you are interested in helping with the planning let Dick Goese or Paul Van Antwerp know.

Friday, April 23 – 24 Women's Retreat at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. 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. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 per night.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room; Inquirer's Class on January 27 and February 3
6:15pm: Senior Choir

7-8:30pm: Youth Group/Confirmation (Confirmation 1st & 3rd Weds.; Make-up 2nd and 4th)
Boards and Committees meet on January 13 at 6 pm



Faith Weavers

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm

Faith Weavers is going on an adventure through bible stories. Every Wednesday in January we are going to be reading about exciting bible stories. Stories perhaps that you have heard before or perhaps you'll get to learn a new one to enjoy. We'll be acting out stories and doing a craft that relates. K-3rd grade welcome and families. We meet at 6-7 p.m. in the Mindanao Room. Come learn more about our God through exciting stories! 😊



PEACE PUPPETS

4th & 5th graders
6-7pm in Lakeview Room

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

CONFIRMATION

The class meets on the **first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7 – 8:30 pm**. If you miss a class you can make it up the following Wednesday. Remember to fill out your worship form each Sunday you attend. Fifty percent worship attendance is expected.

Wednesday, January 6 – Mark Chapters 1 and 2

Wednesday, January 20 – Wade Zick, Ashley Minister for Youth of the Minnesota Conference, will be with us to talk about being a member of the United Church of Christ.

Children's Choir

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join Kids Choir.

We practice every Wednesday @ 5-5:30 p.m. 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 — *No Church School January 3*

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS, to all of our 4th & 5th grade students who were our brave actors and speaking parts for the Christmas Pageant! You all did so well, and were great at your parts!!! And congrats to all the "stars," "animals," "shepherds," "weary travelers," and "angels." You acted and sang wonderfully and looked like professionals! I felt like I was in Hollywood watching real actors! 😊 Everyone was blown away by your performance, especially me! ~ Kim

Acolyte Schedule

January 3: No Acolytes

January 10: Adrianna Hudyma, Haley Montgomery

January 17: Ben Mullozzi, Jack O'Connell

January 24: Davis Provost, Rachel Skwira-Brown

January 31: Zoe Simpson, Milly Timm

Also a HUGE THANK YOU is in order for all our Sunday School Teachers, Parents, and Youth who helped with Costumes, the Jesus Birthday Party, Crafts, Video Taping, Photography, Power Point, and Staging. I couldn't have pulled it off without you. I am truly blessed to have been adopted by such a loving, caring community of faith believers. Thank you so much!! (Picture Kim Sturtz with a smile, EAR to EAR)



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

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

Note: If you haven't been receiving regular email updates from Paul, send a note and we'll get you on the mailing list: paul@peaceucc.org

January 6th For World: **"E-piffa-what?"**

Who are those three nicely dressed dudes in the manger scene and what were they all about? (see picture!) Our faith celebrates "Epiphany" this Wednesday. We'll hear their story and explore the different ways God gives those big "A-ha!" moments in our lives.

January 9th (Saturday) For Community: **"Pay it Forward! CHUM Family Shelter Work Day!"**

Our Youth Group work with the CHUM Family Shelter has expanded into a church-wide activity! While our specialty "Church Teams" get to work at the Family Shelter, the Youth Group will be joining Pastor Kathy at the CHUM Drop-in Center to provide a meal and recreation for those families displaced as we work at the shelter. Meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool to the shelter.

January 13th For Fun: **"All-Church Party! TUBBING!"**

It's back! We're heading out to Mont-du-Lac Rec. for an evening of snow tubing! Meet in the narthex at 7pm (don't be late!) to carpool. Dress warm! This is an intergenerational event—bring the family! (Parents, if you don't want to tube, you can always hang out in the lodge). Cost is \$10/person. Scholarships available. Contact Paul, 349-0143.



January 18th (Monday) For Community: **"March and Rally for MLK"**

Family activity! Join the march and rally for MLK Day. We'll meet at the church at 10:15 to carpool to Washington Center, then march to the DECC for the rally at 11:45. Dress warm, and bring a snack to eat on the way. (For more information on MLK events, see page 11)

January 20th For Church: **"Youth and the UCC"**

Wade Zick will be here from the UCC/Minnesota Conference's main office to help connect our youth group with statewide activities and opportunities. Might be a good opportunity to daydream future road trips! Wade's a great guy—be ready to greet him with your (infamous) "get to know you" questions, and to let him know what you're interested in.

January 27th For Community: **"Pay it Forward! Warm Hands, Warm Hearts"**

Our collected sweaters will be ready for our creative hands to cut and sew them into mittens for the Salvation Army. This is an easy way for our crew to help a lot of people stay warm this winter!

Hey Youth!

First of all, a big word of thanks for all your help in the Christmas Eve service. We did a great job, and I've heard a lot of compliments from that evening! So, Christmas is over, Jesus is here, and now it's the work of our faith to listen to the challenges and wisdom he gives us, then jump in and walk our talk. How does God speak to us? How do we care for our neighbor? How do we stand up for what we believe in? How do we connect with the wider church? We'll be exploring these things this month. All I ask of you is to show up, and be ready to ask the good questions that I know you can ask. Oh, and we're going Tubbing too!

Also, you probably already know this, but I wanted to remind you that I'm here to talk. Life can be crazy, and it helps to "come up for air" now and then. I'm never too busy to take some time and listen to you (in fact, it's why I got into ministry in the first place). Don't forget that! Just call or write and we'll find some time:
<paulvanantwerp@gmail.com>, 218-349-0143.

Parents! Are you a member of the "Sandwich Generation" (both raising kids and caring for elderly relatives?) You're not alone! There's a group forming to help support you and it meets during Youth Group on Wed. January 27th. For more information, see page 5.

Parents of Teens "Hang-Out Night" Wednesday, January 20, 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.



Peace Pageant Wise People

He is here: humble as a baby, wise as a child, challenging in his ministry We welcomed him through the whirlwind that is our Advent season. We made music, we gave gifts, we gathered as family and friends, we celebrated, we lit candles, we prayed.

He is here. Now what?

Now what? It is a joy for me to be entering this new position as your Associate Pastor at the very time we welcome the living, breathing Jesus into our midst. Here in January, we are truly “on the road with Jesus” through our gospel passages. We stand beside him as he is baptized, we are guests at the wedding as water turns to wine, we head home with him, standing in the synagogue as he establishes his ministry, and we slip through the crowds with him, as he is driven away.

Through these passages, I am struck by the fact that Jesus is never alone. Ministry, for each and every one of us, is relational. Jesus did not stand in the pulpit then depart into his study. He walked among his people. He engaged them. To live this story with Jesus is to be reminded: we cannot do it alone.

No place was this clearer to me than spending my first Christmas here with my community of friends at Peace. (I normally find myself, during Christmas, at unfamiliar churches in Northern Illinois where my family resides). Sitting up front, I looked out to all of your faces illuminated by candlelight as we sang Silent Night. Here before me were people I knew and love. I have talked with you and worshiped with you. I know many of your stories, your joys, and concerns. In this community of faith, I find the resounding answer to that question: Now what?

As one community, we reach out our hands to help those in need. As one community, we stand for our values and for justice in our world. As one community, we celebrate, we study, we seek, we understand. I may pray and worship in other churches, but here amongst my friends, I am empowered to take action and *live into* my ministry with Jesus, and this is possible because I am not alone. Thank you, friends.

~ Paul VanAntwerp, Associate Pastor

Peace Bell Articles
are due on the 20th!

Summer Senior High Youth Work Camp June 13th - 18th with DOOR in Chicago

Sign Up Now !

Already 24 participants are registered!
Youth 9th grade and Up are welcome!

We will travel to the south side of Chicago to work with the DOOR program (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) Participants include youth: Ben Hoffman, Sarah and Peter Kvale, Cadence Bambenek, T.J. Lind, Charlotte Studden, Victoria Nugent, Sophie Wilkowske, Emily Youngstrand, Jackie Fairbanks, Glenda Valdez, Maddy Carpenter, Maddi McConnell, Sydney Benton, Christina-Marie Langdon-Larson, Hallie Davis, Connor Bambenek, Parker Adams, Kate Thoennes and adults: Pastor Kathy, Paul VanAntwerp, Mary Nienaber, Jeff McConnell and Jim McLean.

What Will We Do in Our Service Assignments?

A typical week in Chicago begins on arrival Sunday evening after supper and ends with departure after lunch on Friday. A one-to two-hour orientation/logistics session Sunday evening helps prepare everyone for the week. Our group will be divided into work teams (4-6 participants with one adult sponsor as designated leader) that are also our meal teams. Meal teams are responsible for preparing and cleaning up after all meals eaten together by the group. Groceries, menus, and cooking instructions are provided and a DOOR-Chicago staff person is on hand for reference.

Once assigned to work and meal teams, participants generally stay with those same teams for the week. Work teams usually spend each day at a different service assignment. Our goal is for all participants to have a variety of experiences that they can share with each other.

Examples of service assignments are: preparing and serving meals at a soup kitchen; helping with homeless children’s programs; cleaning feeding kitchens and shelters; urban gardening; meeting and listening to groups and individuals who are working for change in the city; conversing and worshipping with city folks.

Join us for this great week of work, learning and fun. The cost is \$300 per person. We will have some scholarships available. **We need your \$50 deposit ASAP!**

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand." Isaiah 41:10

Ah, the ice and sleet are raining down as I write this in central Wisconsin at my parent's house. We are sitting around the Christmas tree, as a family, and there is wrapping paper all around our feet. As I look around, I see smiles and laughter and joy; presents are being opened and adored. Many hugs are being shared. But I can't help think about the 4 months of winter ahead of us, as Duluthians. The bleak winter here is very long with its grays and blues, and chilly winds.

It's true, the winters here in Duluth are majestic, with Lake Superior pouring sea smoke some cold mornings, or the blizzards of intense power that give us beautiful huge crashing waves and snow days with snow castles and sledding.

But it's also true that there is cabin fever that sets in, with the thought that we are alone, holed up in our homes. There are no more family holidays until March or April. Winter Solstice has come and gone, so at least the days are beginning to get longer and brighter, but the cold is still there. Some people here in the north feel that cabin fever more than others. The longing is so strong to be outside, to be with people, to get the kids out of the house, to feel a summer breeze, to have warm weather, to be able to run through the sprinkler, to soak into the warm summer sun.

In Isaiah, God tells us he is with us and not to be dismayed, and that if we are fearful we should trust our holy creator to help us through. Sometimes after the holidays it's hard to get through the winter. The gray closes in, and it's easy to get into a routine of thinking that the sunset is telling us to hibernate, to keep to ourselves, and start to feel troubled about life.

"Please lie down on the couch and tell me what's going on." The best therapist in the world is on our side. God is there to help us! Our Creator reassures us that life is not to be worried about or to be sad about but to be celebrated, even on the gray days, even on days that you just feel like hibernating. Look for the fun activities in life, join a book group, have a game night with your family or friends, learn a skill like knitting or wood working. Or best of all, use that snow to your advantage. Go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, sledding, go watch the Beargrease dog sledding race, or make a snow fort. (No, you aren't too old to build a fort.) Most of all if you are feeling like you can't get out of the seasonal funk, tell a friend and someone can be there for you. We have the most loving community here at Peace Church and there are many shoulders to lean on. You all are amazing people that are loved by God. You are strong, and those who are there for you are strong too, and filled with God's love. Best of all, we all have warm welcoming arms that are ready to give out hugs or back rubs, and there are many shoulders and ears ready to lean on. So what are you waiting for? Go, get out there, don't let that snow and gray get to you. That snow angel isn't going to make itself in your front yard!

~ Kim Sturtz, Children's Minister

Peace Church Library — Check it out!

Thanks to all who have donated books to the Peace Church library!



We encourage you to browse our newly acquired books on the shelves in the narthex, and just inside the Fireside Room. Use the card catalog in the Fireside Room when looking for a specific book—nearly all adult books are now entered in the card catalog, thanks to Sharon Crosby, who can be found working in the library every Wednesday.

If you would like to help out in the library, let Sharon know, 624-5582. There are always many tasks—shelving books, putting pockets and cards in books, covering books, etc.

Look over your shelves at home to see if there are any Peace library books that could be returned!

Other new adult books:

Jesus : Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary by Marcus J Borg

Encounter with Silence by John Punshon

Children of Trauma : Rediscovering Your Discarded Self by Jane Middleton-Moz

Hugs for Sisters by Philis Boultinghouse

To Gather the Wind by Bodie and Brock Thoene

Finding Grace by Mary Saracino

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament by Geoffrey W Bromiley

The Ultimate Gift by Jim Stovall

Come Thirsty by Max Lucado

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

On the Threshold by Elizabeth J Andrew

New children's books:

Designed by God : So I Must Be Special by Bonnie Sose

Hop on Pop by Dr Seuss

Amazing Animals by Alexandra Parsons

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

Great Joy by Kate DiCamillo

Shiloh Season by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Greetings from the Liddles

Dear family and friends, Merry Christmas!

Our family started out 2009 in snowy Northeastern Minnesota and are finishing it up in tropical Lospalos, East Timor! Back in February an opportunity arose through our church's global mission program to serve as missionaries in East Timor, something we had considered for quite some time. We arrived here in early August and did some language training and logistical things in the capitol city Dili for about 2 months and have been in our assignment for about 2 months now. We are serving with the Protestant Church of East Timor through the United Church of Christ's mission program called Global Ministries. Monica is working in a long standing clinic run by the church for over 15 years. Daily the clinic sees about 75 people with all kinds of illness from wounds and diarrhea to various infectious diseases. In addition to Monica the clinic also has one trained nurse and several experienced, though not formally trained nurses. Tom is doing various things; teaching an English class, organizing some agricultural projects and serving as clinic handy man. Hannah is playing non-stop with local kids and learning about all kinds of things along with her mom and dad. She is doing very well in her language and geography skills as well! We are also pleased that we get to spend much more time with her. In January she will start school at a local kindergarten where the main language will be Tetum. The biggest news though is that Monica is pregnant! The baby is due in mid-February and barring anything unusual we plan to have the baby here in Lospalos.

We are all very active in the life of the church too. Weekly we worship with the community on Sunday morning and have prayer/Bible study in the evening. Sometimes we travel to a small village that doesn't have a pastor with the youth who then lead worship for the small number of Protestants in that community. During the week there is usually a prayer meeting in a member's house. Sometimes we make it to this, although frequently we are still working! After Christmas we will be traveling with the youth of Immanuel Church to Baucau (about a 2 hour drive) for a 3 day retreat with the youth of the two churches in Baucau. Tom will be leading a Bible study workshop and Monica will be doing a workshop on health. Faith permeates everything the community we live with does.

That said, we've had our share of challenges and disappointments too. Lots of trouble with visas and housing. We've spent countless hours hassling with the visas and it's still not over. It is also a daily struggle trying to find the right balance between being a supportive listener/solidarity presence and initiating a change or new direction for something that doesn't work or doesn't exist. For now we are airing on the side of listening, though we notice as North Americans, our tendency is to want to dive right in and get to work "fixing things." There are plenty of cultural differences that we are also getting used to as well. One would be the Southeast Asian method of conflict resolution - frequently done not by talking "face to face" but rather by a third party mediator... Another would be the "mellow" work ethic and "Timor time." Not the punctuality we're used to!

The overriding cultural influence though, is that of living in a "post traumatic" society. Having lived through hundreds of years of Portuguese colonialization and a very violent 25 year Indonesian military occupation, which was steadfastly supported by the US government, Timorese society is deeply, deeply wounded. This plays out in many unhealthy ways that are making it difficult for the society to move forward with development. Living here reinforces our conviction along with the psalmist that: "The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save." (Ps 33:17) On days when things are really difficult we pause to remind ourselves what these people have just been through during the occupation of their country. Most everyone had family members tortured, killed and raped. Many times in front of them. Homes and farms were burned, businesses destroyed. Everyone lived in constant fear of military or militia harassment and aggression, causing many to live double lives and to never trust anyone. Violence and aggression are common cultural expressions especially among the many unemployed youth. Having achieved independence 10 years ago, East Timor now has a chance to develop itself in a sensible and sustainable manner, yet there are many hurdles ahead. Health and education top among them.

As we move into 2010 our hope is strong that your family will remain healthy and whole. We pray for all who are sick or separated or otherwise struggling in life. We lift up high hopes for justice and health for the world's people, and we humbly ask for your prayers for our family and the communities we serve.

Shalom,
Tom, Monica and Hannah

Tom & Monica Liddle, our missionaries in East Timor, have a blog at www.monicaliddle.com. **If you would like to make a contribution for Tom and Monica's work**, Monica is in need of HIV and Hepatitis B test kits. They are \$1 each. Contributions can be made to Peace UCC, with Liddles/East Timor in the memo, and we will send it on.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Cracking the Shell of Whiteness

"**Cracking the Shell of Whiteness**" begins on Tuesday evening, January 5th at 5:30pm. The purpose of this 5-part series is to bring white people together to build skills and be more effective in the work of undoing racism. The program utilizes readings, short videos, experiential learning, personal experiences, and practice to help people gain knowledge and skills, build accountable relationships, and work more effectively to undo racism. For up to 15 people. To register, call the office, 724-3637. For more information, contact Doug Bowen-Bailey (722-7166), or Lyn Clark Pegg (348-3048).

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Events in the Twin Ports

Friday January 15th

Happy Birthday Dr. King!

Reawakening the Poor People's Campaign

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth -
835 College St

Free Soup & Bread Supper - 5:30 PM

7:00 PM—Hear excerpts of Dr. King's speeches, music, hear from panelists who will talk about work being done locally to remove barriers in the way of people dealing with poverty, and have birthday cake.

Saturday January 16th

*"Many Acts of Goodness They Had Shown Me",
Reader's Theater by Carl Gawboy*

6pm at Temple Israel - 1602 E. Second St - Duluth

Monday January 18th

Free Community Breakfast at 7am

Holy Family Catholic Church - 2430 W. 3rd St.

Featured Speaker: *Rev. Joseph Lowery*

Also Monday January 18th

March to and Rally at the DECC

Featured Speaker: *Rep. Jeffrey Hayden*

March starts from Washington Center at 11am
to the Rally at Duluth Entertainment and
Convention Center at 11:45 am



Men's Work Camp to Back Bay Mission March 6 - 13th

Come Frame a House Together!

For more information call Dan Green (724-7888)

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

This program has grown from serving approximately 20 work teams per year to 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Approximately 65,000 homes were totally destroyed in storm and another 64,000 severely damaged.

Seeds of Peace Recently, the Seeds of Peace Committee accepted a proposal from the Mediatrix Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MMPC) in Mindanao to partner in the initiation of a project that will help three women's savings and credit groups form cooperatives for economic development within their respective communities. The project is named **WE' R GLAD**, which stands for **W**omen **E**mpowerment **R**esponding to **G**roup **L**oan **A**ssistance for **D**evelopment. The three groups, made up of 65 women, identified the businesses they will pursue, which will include rice retailing and piglet distribution. The MMPC will provide funding, technical expertise, training in bookkeeping and other assistance as needed. The aim is for the work of these cooperatives to be self-sustaining. As our part of the project, Seeds of Peace will be funding them with a no-interest loan for \$1742 for the purchase of rice and piglets, along with a grant of \$250 to pay for training and signage. *If you would like to support this exciting new effort, you can make a donation to Peace Church, with a designation for Seeds of Peace.*

Last Call for Inspiring Travel! As the winter gets colder and darker, the Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia, "Living with Hope in the Context of Violence," February 11 - 21, 2010 looks better and better! The theme of the delegation - looking at the root causes of violence in Colombia, meeting with indigenous and campesino groups who are nonviolently asserting their rights, and joining their movement toward justice, healing and reconciliation. Call or email Lyn Clark Pegg (218-348-3048 or carolynpegg@yahoo.com) for details, or go to www.witnessforpeace.org. This delegation is a great way to head for the tropics and find inspiration at the same time. **The final deadline is January 2nd.** I hope you will join our delegation!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS / RECYCLING PEACE / PROPERTY UPDATE

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



10 Tom Hayes
 11 John Ameel
 Barb Forrest
 12 Mike Hatlestad
 Judy Hlina
 Emily Youngstrand
 Zoe Simpson
 Hannah Feyen
 Connor Feyen
 13 Patty Bambenek
 Holly Jorde
 14 Bob Simpson
 Rodney Clement
 15 Bill Pomroy
 Lisa Pomroy
 Anya White
 Rick Reed
 18 Andy McLean
 19 David Goltz
 Lauren Christensen
 20 Chris Finch



20 Judy Seliga-Punyko
 Todd Lind
 21 Margaret Paulson
 22 Matthew Morris
 Christa Knudsen
 23 Bill Kohlts
 Brennen Larson
 Allison Dargon
 24 Jerome Springsteele
 Cynthia Poirier
 25 Evan Poirier
 Kiana Langdon-Larson
 26 Sandy Moore
 27 Clara Calgren
 29 Melissa Boyle
 30 Cizzarie Schomberg
 31 Michael Proetz
 David Arvold
 Miles Rohrbaugh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Property Committee Update

Heat in the Fireside Room continues to be a problem. Dan Green has been asked to arrange for F. I. Salter Mechanical to assess the situation and make recommendations. No action is being taken on the roof at this point. The garage has been organized, and Circles of Support will be completing storage space for their food supplies so that they can move out of the storage room in the Youth Room. The new coffee maker has been installed, but needs fine tuning before it can be used. We are waiting for the table reinforcers and they should be attached by next month. Donations have been made to purchase new 8 foot tables, and we can use more donations if you are able. (Each table costs \$80)

Late Breaking News: The roof over the Daycare and the Toddler Nursery sprung major leaks after the Christmas snowstorm. Temporary measures are being taken to alleviate the situation, but this underscores the need to find a more permanent solution to our problems with the flat roof.

RECYCLING PEACE

- Jayme Hennen is looking for **someone to cross-country ski** with him. Call him at 728-4444.
- Phil Cook is looking for someone interested in **helping with maple syrup**. Call him for details—393-3136.
- Hi Peace Church Family – On 12/24, two small foster children will be joining our family, as we await the opportunity to adopt them. Since we just learned of their arrival today, we need to quickly prepare to have a 1 and 2 year old! We are looking for gently **used cribs, car seats and booster seats**. If you have these items available for purchase, please contact us at 218-251-3466. Happy Holidays – Jill Hess and Chris Campbell
- **Free 3x4 ft. Chalk Board 5 ft wide x 4 ft 4" headboard for bed**—antiqued silver metal frame with wicker insert. Both located in Peace Church garage. Ask Mary Martin or Denise Perry for more info. (Mary, 720-5894; Denise, 724-5198.
- Wanted: Your **old wool sweaters** for Youth Group project. The youth group is collecting old sweaters to be "felted" into gloves for the Salvation Army. There will be a box labeled "sweaters for Youth" in the narthex.

Mark your Calendar! The Annual Opening Our Doors Conference will be held this year on 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.

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- To Patty Beech, Steve Coll and Jane Rupel for the Prayers Around the Cradle Advent Worship Services. This was a meaningful time to pause for prayer and music in the time of waiting.
- To Jim and Cindy McLean for getting the trees for our sanctuary and for decorating them so beautifully.
- To Gail Blum for creating the beautiful new Christmas banners.
- To Marian Jensen for creating the beautiful wreath for our entry way and to all those who helped to decorate our church during the Advent Workshop.
- To everyone who donated something for our Giving Tree. We were able to give over 60 gifts to the youth of Life House
- To everyone who made cookies for the annual Christmas Party for the inmates of the County Jail. They loved them. Thanks to Clear and Jonie Langdon Larson for working with Pastor Kathy on the Christmas Service for the St. Louis County Jail. The inmates were truly inspired by the music and Jonie's message of hope.
- To the choir, Jim Pospisil, and our musicians for a wonderful Christmas Cantata.
- To our choir and brass and youth musicians for wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Services. Thanks to the Hanka's, Rachel Peterson, Claire Smith, Peter Provost, Cathy Ameel, Paul Winchester, Emily Punyko, Ella Fox and Maddy Carpenter, Tom Wilkowske, Tim Carpenter and others. (*Hear the 10pm service on our website.*)
- To Tim Carpenter for streaming the 10pm service live on the internet. 15 people from around the country and the world listened! (Jennifer Ameel heard it in Korea.)
- To Cindy McLean and all her friendly beasts for our Christmas Eve puppet show.
- To Dick and Linda Goese and all who helped them, for making delicious appetizers for our staff Christmas Party.
- To Eve Stein who is filling in as our sanctuary angel in Barb Forrest's absence. Thanks for straightening our sanctuary each week.
- From Cindy Macaulay: On behalf of my mom (Barb Forrest), brother and sisters, I want to thank you for the flowers, prayers and visits since my mom's accident. She continues to heal and recover—every day holds surprises and miracles and we are so grateful. What was at first months of recovery now seems to be weeks, and I think she will be back at church soon. Again, thank you ALL for the love and support.

- From Barb Forrest: "My deepest thanks for the courage you have given to me since the car accident. Your cards have been gifts of hope, love and caring that have carried me through the days and nights of healing."
- From Trudy Schwerdt: "I would like to thank the carolers and all my friends at Peace Church who sent me beautiful and meaningful cards at Christmas. Each Christmas brings memories—in 1949, 60 years ago, our choir presented me with Sahlman's picture of Christ which I still have hanging above my bed. May you all have happy memories and enjoy a Happy and Healthy New Year."
- From Elizabeth Olson at CHUM: "Thank you for heeding the call to "fill the bucket" with supplies for the CHUM Family Shelter. We received so many useful cleaning agents! The families are very appreciative of the buckets and supplies. Thank you for continued support and generosity."

CONGRATULATIONS!

- To Mollie and Dave Stapleton Clark, on the birth of their son Benjamin on December 17.
- To Jill Hess and Chris Campbell as they add two little ones to their family, Annabelle and Elliot, with plans to adopt them.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Barb Forest recovering at home from a car accident
- Marg Paulson recovering from a pulmonary embolism.
- Tommie Adams, waiting for a liver transplant. Thanks to Mary Adams for coordinating.
- Lillian Day, as she transitions to a new home at Chris Jensen Nursing Home.

SYMPATHY TO

Maxine Proetz, on the death of her mother.

MEMORIALS and GIFTS

- From Trudy Schwerdt, a donation to the library fund, in honor of the Christmas season, and in gratitude for the cards and greetings she has received this Christmas.
- For Harriet Peterson from Jan and Dick Eschbach and Bruce Peterson.
- For Dorrie Godden from Thomas Lund; Funds and a metal plaque for a flowering shrub to be planted in the spring in Dorrie's memory, given by her cousin Hope Lund.
- For Joyce Clement from Wergelands, Rodney Clement
- For Alice Davidson from Wergelands, Elaine Augustad, Seversons.
- For R. Jane Thompson from Wergelands and Seversons
- For Bob Rudberg from Marie Rudberg.

*Peace Church is "adopting"
the Chum Transitional Family Shelter*

Workday — Saturday, Jan. 9, 10am-2pm

Thanks to all who have signed up to be a part of the "adoption process" for the CHUM family shelter. As our CHUM family advocate says, a lot of tough stuff happens at the shelter and it refreshing to have new energy working to make improvements. We are excited about this!

To kick off what we hope to be a continuing relationship between Peace and the family shelter, there will be a work day on **Saturday JANUARY 9th from 10am-2pm.**

We have three areas we are focusing our work:

- Moving out old furniture and replacing it with new or gently used furniture. (See list below)
- Cleaning and sorting out storage space at the shelter
- Entertaining and feeding the families who will be "displaced" during the work day.

*special request: We need folks with trucks to pick up the donated furniture and bring it to CHUM during the work day on the 9th. PLEASE let me know if you have a truck! Even if you can't do heavy lifting, we will make sure to have folks along that can help if you provide the truck.

If you are interested in helping out in one of these three ways, please sign up at church. We will be having a light lunch at the Drop In Center for volunteers too.

And here is the list of furniture that is needed. If you have any of these items, please let the Church office know. If you can deliver it to the family shelter on the 9th great, or if you need it picked up please indicate your address.

- 6 loveseats
- 2 couches
- 2 living room chairs
- 4 kitchen tables
- 8 kitchen chairs
- 4 coffee tables



This furniture needs to be very durable and either new or gently used. *No sleeper sofas, no recliners, basically furniture that does not have moving parts or is not too cumbersome to move.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul, Kathy or Collette at Peace, or Elizabeth Olson at CHUM.

THANK YOU for driving forward such a hopeful endeavor. It will be appreciated by so many families.

The Academy for Vital Christianity

United Theological Seminary

What is the Academy for Vital Christianity? A chance to take seminary-level classes on religion and faith at a convenient time and place.

The Academy, which offers short-term classes in churches around Minnesota, is a joint venture of United Theological Seminary in New Brighton and the Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church

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Duluth, First United Methodist Church
Instructor: *Christine Smith*

Saturdays – March 13 & April 10, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Cost: \$190 (*before February 27*) OR \$240 (*prices include lunch*). Financial assistance may be available through your church or denomination. For more information, including class details and registration, go to <http://www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp> or direct questions to Renee Flesner at 651.255.6138 or rflsner@unitedseminary.edu.

CHUM Renter's Summit

Thursday January 14th 5:30pm

Harrison Community Center

Discussions around Tenant Organizing in Duluth

Guest Speaker; Michael Dahl of the Minnesota Tenants Alliance will be leading a conversation about the Minnesota Tenants Bill of Rights.

For more information contact;

CHUM Community Organizer Allen Richardson at 740-2497 or arichardson@chumduluth.org.

Old-Tyme Dance

at Peace Church, Sat. January 16

Tamarack Folk Dance Association will hold a dance with music provided by the Wild Thyme Band and a guest caller. The dance starts at 8 PM. All dances are taught and beginners are welcome. Admission is \$8 adults, \$6 members and \$2 kids. Refreshments provided. For further information call Jim Larson at 724-9252.

Knitting for Charity

Interested in knitting or crocheting items to donate to charities? Here is a blog listing local/regional groups who accept handmade donations.

<http://madelineknits.wordpress.com/>

JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 3 Mariah Berner, Lindi Steffes, Kristina Green
- 10 Amanda Pfau, Laretta Shrake, Lisa Brown
- 17 Amy Galarowicz or Susan Kehtel, Emily Ramsey, Loni Cran-Hovis
- 24 Kenji or Stacy Sudoh, Echo Funk or Nick Schutz, Hannah Carpenter
- 31 Andy or Libby Fena, Nicki Seibert or Alisha Blazevic, Jen Hudyma

Ushers

- 3 Sandra Moore & Deb Stricker, Bob & Rene Montgomery
- 10 Mary Martin, Dan Peterson, John Moeller, Vicki Barnes
- 17 Chris Campbell & Jill Hess, Laurie & Mariah Berner
- 24 Jane Ward, Sam & Phyllis Cook, **volunteer needed**
- 31 Matt Johnson, Susan Ranfranz, Marcus & Barbara Lovejoy

Greeters

- 3 Jerry Cleveland & Marge Anderson
- 10 Lisa & Bill Pomroy
- 17 Denise Hamsher, Beth Ruark
- 24 Devlins, Caroline Harris
- 31 Lynette Boyko, Marg Paulson

Lay Readers

- 3 Anne Skwira-Brown
- 10 **Volunteer Needed**
- 17 Jerry Cleveland
- 24 Nettie Bothwell
- 31 John Ameel

8:30 Communion Bread

- 3 Linda Lundberg
- 10 Linda Goese
- 17 Denise Hamsher
- 24 Lyn Kaim
- 31 Susan Kehtel

Damiano Soup Kitchen

January 10

- 1:30 - Bill & Lisa Pomroy, Denise Perry, **Volunteer Needed**
- 4:30 - Nadine & Mina Hubert, Phyllis & Scott Mead

Monday Meal

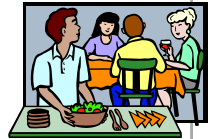
at Loaves and Fishes

- 4 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 11 Essie Geiger
- 18 Lyn Clark Pegg
- 25 Bob & Kay Stevens

Wednesday Dinner Helpers

It's a New Year, and we need some New Volunteers!

Make it a New Year's resolution to help with Wednesday meals. If you enjoy coming to our Wednesday meals, please sign up to help with 4:30 prep or clean-up after the meal! Nadine does a great job, and **she needs our help!**



COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

January Coffee Hour

Coordinators:

Claire Smith, 260-9020

Georgette Sarkela & Bill

Hardesty, 525-1450

January 3—Georgette

Set up: Anne Beauchamp,

Volunteers Needed

Serve & Clean up: Peter & Nam Provost, Marian Jensen

January 10—Claire

Set up: Laura Zahn, Jennifer Boyle

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

January 17—Georgette

Set up: Judy & Bill Punyko, Barbara Allen

Serve & Clean up: Julie Kim, Jane Ward

January 24—Claire

Set up: Mary & Jeff Adams, Jayme Hennen

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

January 31—Georgette & Claire

Set up: **Volunteers needed**

Serve & Clean up: Steven & Kim Squillace

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

Coming up — February

Coordinators:

Marsha & Tom Hystead,

728-3152

Pat & Lynn Devlin, 728-2592

Cathy & John Ameel, 724-2750

Jon & Sarah Barry,
218-301-9452

John Erickson/Gail Blum,
728-5519

Jen Stenersen & Melissa Boyle,
728-0419

Christine Campbell and Jill Hess,
218-251-3466

Emily Ramsey 269-1019

Kelli & Peter Farell,
715-392-0272

Beth & Kevin Kinney, 525-9836

Colette Knudsen, 724-4361

Jim & Cindy McLean, 525-3526

Rick & Karen Morgan, 525-6884

Denise Perry, 724-5198

Doug Manthey & Susan Ranfranz, 525-7369

Heidi Severson, 722-1251

Carolyn Williams & Tom Stackland, 729-7925

Brian Timm, 724-4332

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Childrens Ministries: Kim Sturtz
Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls
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