



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Peace Bell

MAY 2010

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

Grounded in Faith Taking Flight — Capital Campaign 2010

Beginning May 2nd we will be conducting the actual Capital Campaign. Each household of members and friends of Peace Church will receive a packet of materials about the campaign delivered in person or by mail. The packet includes information about the campaign and a pledge card. We ask each household to do four things. **1.) Pray for the success of the campaign. 2.) Prayerfully consider what your gift to the campaign will be. 3.) Return your pledge card on May 16th. 4.) Come to the Celebration lunch at 11:30 on May 16th.**



The goal of this campaign is to raise \$400,000 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. The money raised will be used to finish the chapel space under the sanctuary, repair the flat roof and pay down debt on the sanctuary remodel. The total remaining mortgage is about \$600,000.

There are many ways to give to the campaign. Many people will commit to a dollar amount per week or per month during the next three years. Others will commit a one time gift or an annual gift. Others will commit to a combination of these. Others may not be able to contribute anything at this time. Whatever you are able to do we ask that you turn in your pledge card (even if you are unable to give) so that we can minimize the follow up after May 16th. If you are unable to be in worship on May 16th, please mail your pledge card to the church in the pre-addressed envelope.

"FLOWER POWER"
BLOSSOMS AT PEACE PROM
SATURDAY MAY 1 — 7-11 pm
at Mr. D's Bar & Grill,
5622 Grand Ave.



May Day is a time to celebrate the coming of summer. Plan to join the festivities! Whether it's a mu-mu, paisley shirt, flower garland, or wreath of ribbons & leaves, wear it to the Peace Prom on May 1st. No flowers or ribbons for your hair? Select from the garden bouquets we'll have available. This year's grand march will dance around the May pole. There will be Karaoke, dancing music, snacks and dessert. Singles and couples are welcome...this is an adults' night out. Mr. D's is handicapped accessible. The hall is near the front door. Lighted parking lots are behind the building. Suggested donation is \$10. Tickets are available at the door. The Peace Prom is a Food and Fellowship fundraiser, with any proceeds going toward church kitchen equipment.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale, Saturday May 8, 9am-2pm

We're getting ready....are you? Our annual fun community event that just so happens to include rummage is fast approaching, and we need your help in many ways. Proceeds will go to our transportation fund, to help us provide rides for people to worship with us.

- **Clean out your closets and basements and set things aside** that you would like to contribute, including indoor plants and outdoor annuals – nothing is too big or too small.
- **How can you help?** We need people to help set up on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, and to work on the day of the sale which runs from 9 till 2. Please sign up to help.
- **We especially need help with clean up – do you have a truck or van?** There are sign up sheets by the office – please find a way to share your time and energy!

A note about how we get all this set up ~ on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, May 6 & 7, we will have clearly marked tables/areas in the fellowship hall, and we ask that when you bring your 'stuff' you put it directly where it will go – that way the rummage sale volunteers won't have to go through bags and boxes of things to sort through and deliver. In addition to helping get things ready, it gives you a chance to peek at what is already there – it's OK for the trading to begin before the door opens on Saturday! Please call Nettie @ 940-2733 or Cindy @ 722-3432 with questions.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING RUMMAGE TO CHURCH BEFORE THURSDAY MAY 6!

FROM PASTOR KATHY NELSON

It is hard to remember what the sanctuary used to look like. Our new sanctuary and entry has opened up space for more people, opened our view to the world, made us fully accessible, allowed for greater use of media and greatly improved the acoustics. It is a place I often like to go early in the morning to sit, pray, and watch the sunrise. I go and sit and pray for the people and events that happen in our sanctuary, for the children, for those who are grieving, for those who are celebrating, and for the work we are trying to do as God's people. I find myself saying as Jacob did in Genesis when he dreamed of a ladder of hope, "Surely, God is in this place."

In May God will be with us in this place as we celebrate several weddings, witness the confirming of faith of our second year confirmation students, hear a concert by James Moors to benefit the youth traveling to Chicago for a work camp, and as we worship together each Sunday morning. On May 16th we will also bless our financial promises for our capital campaign during our worship service, dedicate a bronze dove that will be placed on the outside brick wall and have a wonderful picnic lunch together.

Our capital campaign, "Grounded in Faith, Taking Flight" is an effort to pay down our mortgage, and raise the funds necessary to finish the downstairs chapel/multi-purpose space and fix the roof over the education wing. We are hoping to raise \$400,000. This will take the help of all of us. If we did not do this, our mortgage payment would become part of our operating budget and this would severely limit what we can do as congregation.

We have stepped out in faith in the past. Who could have ever imagined we would be this far on our journey together now. In six years we have built and paid for the new entryway, classrooms and office space. We dreamed together of a new sanctuary, saw it rise in our prairie garden and paid for half of its cost. We continue to be grounded in our faith.

In our first meeting of the leadership team, Doug Bowen-Bailey shared a poem he wrote in 1997 for the dedication of our prairie garden, a sacred garden that holds the ashes of 5 people including 3 of Doug and Holly's babies born still and Asher, Jane Rupel and Tom Wilkowske's son. When Doug wrote this poem, he did not know that years later his children Sylvie and Frost would pick flowers there, and Nina, Jane and Tom's daughter, would be dancing among us. Here is his poem:

Open Ground

*Open ground
Laid bare before us
Turned like our hearts by sorrow's blades*

*We come, farmers all, not to bury our grief
But to plant.
Sprinkling ashes with sadness and hope.*

*This is where we sow our faith
And call beauty forth from death.
Where our tears water the soil and bloom
In their time.*

*This is the place where we,
The simple people of God,
Practice resurrection.*

Here at this open ground.

May we continue to practice resurrection in our lives, in the life of this community and beyond. Together as God's people we are "Grounded in Faith, Taking Flight"

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy



Shared Ministry Forms

Fill them out online!

There are so many ways to be a part of Peace Church. We need one another as we care for this community and wider world. Our shared ministry form is now available online, which should be more convenient for many of you to fill out. They are also available in paper form at the church—look for the yellow form on the sign-up table in the Narthex.

Please take the time to think about how you would like to be involved with this community and sign up. We need one another! Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Kathy or Linda Lundberg of our Coordinating Council.

SUNDAYS in MAY

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, May 2nd

Worship this Sunday is led by our **Dismantling Racism Team**. Music will be provided by our choir and worship team.

This Sunday is also **Invitation to Prayer Sunday**. Today we will begin to distribute the materials for the capital campaign to members and friends of our congregation. Each of us is asked to prayerfully consider what we can give to our "Grounded in Faith, Taking Flight" capital campaign.

Sunday, May 9th – Festival of the Christian Home/ Mother's Day

Scriptures: Acts 16: 16–34; John 14: 23–29

Sermon: "Disciples Together"

Pastor Kathy and our seminary Intern, Jackie Falk, will share some of the stories and insights from the "Innerviews" done by our youth. Today we will focus on the wisdom of the women. On Father's Day we will share stories and insights from our men. Special music by our choir and Ron Deters.

Sunday, May 16th – Celebration Sunday

Scripture: John 17: 20 – 26

Sermon: "Grounded in Faith, Taking Flight" by Pastor Kathy Nelson

This morning we will dedicate our financial promises to our capital campaign. We celebrate the ways we are able to share God's love through the opening of building, the creation of the new sanctuary space, and the ways the paying down of our debt allows our ministry to take flight into the world God so loves.

New members will be received at our 10:30 service.

Following our worship we will go outside to dedicate the placement of the dove on the brick wall and know again that in the prairie we are grounded in faith, standing together in a holy place.

After the dedication there will be a free and delicious lunch. Join us for this very special Sunday!

Sunday, May, 23rd – Confirmation Sunday / Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 – 21

Sermon "I Believe" The second year confirmation students will lead our worship today. A choral reading of excerpts from their papers on God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be the sermon. There will be breakfast for Second Year Confirmants and Families at 9:30 — please rsvp to the office as to how many will be coming.

Work Camp Meeting after church—see page 5.

Sunday, May 30th

Scripture: Proverbs 8 and Psalm 8

Sermon "Wisdom Calls" by Pastor Kathy Nelson

New Members received on Sunday May 16

We will be receiving new members into Peace Church on Sunday, May 16th. If you would like to join our congregation at this time, please let Pastor Kathy know by calling the office.

There are two Inquirer's classes for those considering membership: Wednesday, April 28th and May 5th at 6 pm in the Fireside Room.

Meditation and Healing Circle

May 16 (3rd Sunday of the month)

Fireside Room after 10:30 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. Please contact Erin with any questions at 218-341-3411.

Sermon Discussion Table

Continue the conversation about the week's themes, readings and sermon at a table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time.



Strengthen the Church

UCC Offering May 23

On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders, and it will

aid the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusivity. Your gifts to this special offering will help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. Spread the Love. Strengthen the Church. God is still speaking!

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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!

Reading, Writing, and Reflection Group

Thursdays May 6 & 20— 6:30-8:30

Please join us as we read a short passage, exercise our writer's minds, and share if we would like. All are invited. *Meeting room varies—look for signs.*

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday May 26 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!

Peace Church Hootenanny

Folk Music Group

Friday **May 21** at 7pm

Location TBA. Bring your instruments, voices,
and favorite folk songs.

All are welcome and **wallflowers are encouraged!** Contact Paul with questions. 349-0143.

Sunday Adult Forum

9:30 Sunday Mornings

in the Fireside Room

All Are Welcome and the Coffee is On!

Sunday, May 2 – Led by our Dismantling Racism Team. They will share what they have learned from their audit of our congregation and update us on other initiatives.

Sunday, May 9 – Cindy McLean, Jackie Falk and Marilyn Mayry will share some of the stories from the “innerviews” our youth did with adult members of our congregation. These were wonderful conversations that our confirmands had with many of our long time members.

Sunday, May 16 – Come and learn more about our missionaries in East Timor, Tom and Monica Liddle.

Sunday, May 23 – The year in review. A chance to evaluate the past adult education year and offer suggestions for next year's education options.

Men's Breakfast—May 13 & 27

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

Photos to add to the Picture Directory

We'll be taking photos of our new members on May 16th, and thought that could also be a good time to take photos of some of our members and friends who weren't able to get a picture taken for our directory last summer. We'd like to print a page of pictures that folks could pick up and add to their directories. Please let the office know if you would be interested in having your picture taken on May 16.

CONFIRMATION

1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8:30. If you cannot attend on the scheduled Wednesday, there is always make up class on the following Wednesday.

Wednesday, May 5th at 7 pm – The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 11 and 12. Your homework is due. Second year students need to have their God and Jesus papers completed asap!

Wednesday, May 12th at 7 pm – Make Up Class for those who have missed a class.

Friday, May 14th leaving at 4 pm – Retreat for Second Year Confirmands at Larsmont Cottages, we will return to church at noon on Saturday. This is a mandatory retreat for second year students as we plan for confirmation Sunday on May 23rd. It is fun too as we swim and even take a dip into Superior — maybe.

Wednesday, May 19th at 7 pm – Final class of the year. Review and Fun and Pizza (even though no one learned the books of the Bible in order!)

Sunday, May 23rd – Confirmation Sunday at 10:30.

9:30 Breakfast for Second Year Confirmands and Families. Please rsvp to the office.

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Property Committee

Caring for our Kitchen!

I've been doing some cleaning in the kitchen and see what poor shape it is in. Considering how much it is used and by so many groups, I both appreciate the efforts that are made, and worry about who is going to see to it that it is tended to as it needs to be. This is not a job for the custodians. This is a specialized area that involves sanitary conditions as well as organizing food storage, dishes, pots and pans, etc.

Several plans are in place to solicit and supervise volunteers. Even so, unless volunteers are called directly (i.e. coffee hour), it is hard to find volunteers to help with food prep and clean-up on Wednesdays. This really is a big problem, as it is then up to office staff to try and find helpers, or find people willing at the time. The same people end up filling in, which is not fair to them. And of course the issue of keeping the kitchen clean in general remains.

I know this is not an uncommon problem in any setting but somehow we need to address this issue of who will take on responsibilities, and how the kitchen will be kept clean. I don't see this as a Property Committee responsibility alone. We can help, but we need a kitchen manager who will have that as their main focus.

Suggestions? Volunteers?

Mary Martin

DOOR Youth Work Camp to Chicago

June 13 - 18th

Meeting of Participants - May 23rd,
11:30 in the Fireside Room

All those planning to go with us to Chicago to work with DOOR, June 13th - 18th are very strongly encouraged to meet with us on May 23rd. We will need your final payments. The total cost per participant is \$300 with scholarships available. We are able to keep the cost low due to a grant from the Minnesota Conference of the UCC and a grant from our Jubilee Fund. Scholarships are available. If you have questions about your payment so far feel free to email or call Beth Chelseth our bookkeeper. (beth@peaceucc.org)

The meeting on the 23rd will be a great chance to go over travel and lodging arrangements, get to know one another, learn what to bring, do some planning for our "off" time, and hear again of the work of DOOR.

Participants are: Ben Hoffman, Sarah and Peter Kvale, Cadence and Connor Bambenek, T.J. Lind, Charlotte Studen, Victoria Nugent, Sophie Wilkowske, Emily Youngstrand, Jackie Fairbanks, Glenda Valdez, Maddy Carpenter, Maddi McConnell, Sydney Benton, ChristinaMarie Langdon-Larson, Hallie Davis, Parker Adams, Kate Thoennes, Annie Rupert, Sergei Hanka, Megan Rudd, Celine Provost, Madeline Johnson, John Goltz, Joseph Guitterez, Liesa Erickson, Val Jensen, and adults, Pastors Kathy and Paul, Mary Nienaber, Tom Wilkowske, Jeff McConnell, and Jim McLean.

Sunday May 16: Fundraiser Concert by James Moors and Kort McCumber

Peace Church's own James Moors and his friend Kort McCumber will be performing a series of local concerts. We are extremely blessed that these two awesome musicians are offering their talents to help get our Youth to this year's mission trip. Best way to thank them? Show up, buy a ticket, and enjoy the great music! Bring the family and enjoy the great music, described as "An original Folk-Rock-Americana Duo influenced by the song-writing of Steve Earl, Gillian Welch, and Neil Young." For more information on Moors and McCumber: <http://www.jamesmoors.com/>

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 Kids, \$20 family.

Sunday School Teachers

Appreciation Picnic

May 23, 4:30-6pm in Chester Park

See details on page 6.

Please come and celebrate a fabulous year!

PALS Thursday May 27 at 6pm

The next meeting of PALS (Peace Adults Learning and Socializing) is at the home of Dennis and Susan Isernhagen (The Ledges - 2318 Shore Drive, Duluth). Local author, publisher and historian, Tony Dierckins, will present the history of Duluth's aerial lift bridge, from cutting the canal through its 100th anniversary.

Copies of his book, *Crossing the Canal*, which was a 2009 Minnesota books awards finalist will be available to purchase.

No potluck this time, but we will be asking for a few volunteers to bring desserts. Beverages provided by the Isernhagens.

There are new adults that join us all the time. Whether one or two meetings or regularly! So don't be shy about calling or dropping a note at the church office asking to be added to the email distribution list to receive more details.

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

May 5 & 19

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—you'll meet new folks and have fun!

Peace Church Women's Basketball

Tuesdays at 7pm at Grant School Gym

All skill levels welcome.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

5pm: Children's Choir 5:30: Dinner for all 6pm: Faith Weavers/Puppets
6pm: Adult Study in Fireside Room; (Inquirers Class on 5/5) 6:15pm: Senior Choir
7-8:30pm: Youth Group/Confirmation (Confirmation May 5 & 19)

Teams and Committees meet on May 12 at 6 pm

LAST WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES ON MAY 26—GRILL OUT!

Faith Weavers

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Wednesdays 6-7pm

Mindanao Room

Fun, Games, and Crafts, all while learning about our faith and learning how to weave it into our daily lives. Fun times — stop by and give it a try!

Adult volunteer/helpers are always welcome!



PEACE PUPPETS 4th & 5th Graders

Wednesdays 6-7pm — Lakeview Room

Last Day for Peace Puppets this Year is May 5

Peace Puppets final meeting of the year is Wednesday, May 5. Puppeteers, even if you have had to miss some of our Wednesday nights, please come join us for the fun!

We will be having lots of free time for "Peepers Have Talent" and a special celebration treat.

Fourth and fifth graders, we are gearing up for an awesome 2010-11 year so watch your mail for more information.

Church School News

Last Few days of Church School

May 2nd — Regular Church School

May 9th — Regular Church School

May 16th — Regular Church School

May 23rd — End of the year church school Party :)
Parachute games and fun :)

Give Teachers their gifts during Church School :)

*Teachers: At end of the year please empty your bins and put markers, glue sticks, and scissors, etc. into the craft closet. Leave your bins outside Kim's office with the curriculum in the bin. Thank you So MUCH.

Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Picnic

May 23, 4:30-6pm in Chester Park

Please Note changes from last month's article!

The time will be 4:30-6pm. Food will be provided so no one needs to bring anything. Children and spouses are welcome!

Please come and celebrate a fabulous year!

Acolyte Schedule

May 2 Adrianna Hudyma, Seth Hoffman

May 9 Connor and Hannah Feyen

May 16 Coulter Holden, Gabriel Ehlers-Nelson

May 23 Haley Montgomery, Ben Mullozzi

May 30 No Acolytes, no Church School



ReNew: The Green VBS

**Grow in Faith. Have Fun.
Change the World.**

August 2-6

Mark Your Calendars!

We've got a really awesome VBS this summer, teaching us about conservation, love for your neighbor, the planet, and how to take care of your neighbor and community!

VBS will be held here at Peace Church!

We need lots of helpers to make this happen!

ReNew: The Green VBS is an environmentally focused VBS program that inspires kids to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice the stewardship of creation!

Grounded in the Parable of the Sower, **ReNew: The Green VBS** empowers kids through hope, opportunity, and service.

**Experience the change
your kids can make!**

Interested in being an **Adult Volunteer or Youth Team Leader**?
Talk to Kim Sturtz and we'll find you a place to share your talent!

YOUTH & PARENTS



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

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room

May 5th "The Ultimate Gift and Movie Potluck"

We'll turn the new chapel space into a movie theater—with a twist: **everybody bring their favorite movie treat and we'll share a movie potluck.**

May 12th

"Ultimate Gift, Part II: Priorities are Priorities"

What's really important in your life? How can we help each other keep focused on those things? We'll head to our church movie theater to watch part II of "The Ultimate Gift" —then discuss how we can make it real in our lives. **(Bring more potluck movie snacks!)**

May 16th (Sunday) Intergenerational Event! Youth Group Fundraiser with James Moors and Kort McCumber. 4pm at Peace

These awesome musicians are offering their talents to help us get to our mission trip. All we have to do is put up posters and sell tickets at the door. We're blessed that they care about the things we do here. (See page 5 for more info.)

May 19th "Walk the Talk"

Taking action in the spirit of the Ultimate Gift. You'll decide what we're doing today the week beforehand.

May 20th (Thursday) "Practicing Justice, Living Faith" 7pm at Teatro Zuccone

CHUM and others are hosting this awesome discussion with young activists on how their faith influences their work in social justice. Hey, that fits us well. It'd be awesome if we all could attend. *Parents? Drivers/Chaperones? More info, see page ___*

May 23rd. Confirmation Sunday!

May 26th

"Youth Group "End of School Year" Party"

We're taking a week off and shifting gears into Summer Youth Group mode. Let's have a party to celebrate the great year we've had!

HEY PARENTS!

A number of youth group parents are gathering for fellowship during the 7pm hour on Wednesdays. It's a great opportunity to connect with others in the same period of life as you are—and just enjoy the company and good conversation. Meet in the Narthex, 7pm. Questions? Call Paul.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates . . .



We will honor you in worship on June 6th and there will be a special breakfast for you and your families in the fellowship hall at 9:30 . Please get in your photos and forms as soon as possible. Questions? Talk with Pastor Kathy
Our graduates are: Maddie Kvale, Tyler Mulozzi, Grace Richey, Tony Squillace and Anya White.

~SUNDAY~ **Senior High!** Sunday Mornings, between services (9:30 - 10:30), conference room: "Work it Out: Lived Theology" — Paul will be bringing in real-time issues in theology and religion (the stuff he's exploring as a minister and student) and seeking your input. Snacks provided.

~THURSDAY~ **Junior High!** Thursdays after school (3:00 - 4:00). Join Paul for Caribou Coffee at Mount Royal Shopping Center: "Caffeine and Christ" — Paul will be hanging out at the tables there to share conversation and a great resource that Pastor Kathy found to push our faith and test our thoughts on God and the world. He'll buy the drinks and we can split a snack. (Parents, call Paul with questions: 349-0143).

Youth Summer Outdoor Opportunities

We'll have a lot of opportunities to get outside with the group this summer (remember: Paul is willing to jump in Superior anytime somebody is willing to join him), but here are two opportunities Kim and Paul would like to get the Youth Group involved in:

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH!!!

JULY 18-20 — FENSKE CAMPING TRIP



Mark your calendars for a summer camping trip to Fenske State Park in Ely, MN. Pastor Kathy and Kim are taking you on a camping trip up north! Activities include, swimming, hiking, S'more making/eating, sleeping in tents, and just getting to know each other better. Cost is \$15 a youth for food cost and gas to get us up there! Let us know if you are interested!

UCC SENIOR HIGH CAMP: AUGUST 1-6

Believe it or not, there are a number of high schoolers in churches like yours with a faith and values that resemble yours. It's nice to know that you're not alone. Paul would like to lead a group of Senior High down to Alexandria for a week at Pilgrim Point Camp. Interested in joining him?

...And of course we welcome other ideas for outdoor adventures!



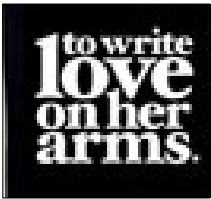
Thoughts from Kim

"It is always the simple things that change our lives. And these things never happen when you are looking for them to happen. Life will reveal answers at the pace life wishes to do so. You feel like running, but life is on a stroll. This is how God does things" -Donald Miller

This month I have been reading a lot of things online and in newspapers about a sudden increase of bullying through internet social networking sites and text messaging. My heart drops (as I know many of yours do also) when I hear of a child who has taken their life because they couldn't take it anymore. This often makes me wonder if all this technology is more hurt than help. People need to see each other face to face to see that the hurtful words they are saying are painful, and hiding behind a "Facebook Wall," or "Text Message" or "EMAIL" doesn't make it any more appropriate because you can't see someone's reaction. This behavior doesn't relieve you of having to deal with confrontation, but only fuels the hurt.

I have many questions about this sudden spike as far as parental guidance is concerned. Has technology moved too quickly for parents to keep up with these social networking sites or cell phones to be able to take note when children are behaving so irrationally to their peers and are using words of hate rather than love? Why aren't we teaching our children that words of hate or unkindness don't need to be said? Whatever happened to the saying, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say it at all?" Why is it so hard to be kind? Why do we find reasons to dislike someone, even though it is a ridiculous reason? Why do we discriminate so much? Aren't we, as God's people, supposed to be giving the light and love that we have received?

There is a non-profit organization for students who feel the hardships of bullying, depression, substance abuse, and have suicidal thoughts, called *To Write Love On Her Arms*. It was founded and based on the real life experience of one family that took in a 19 year old girl who had been mistreated in school and by her family. She was a runaway and was living on the street, had started using drugs, and used cutting to treat her depression. She was found and taken in by a foster family and was told repeatedly that she was loved for a full two weeks before she was brought into rehab, and was also taught about God and the love that is given to us through faith. Instead of inflicting self-mutilation or using drugs, she was told to write words of love on her arms every time she felt those feelings. Soon her arms and legs were filled with words of love. After she left rehab, she told the newly founded non-profit that if it wasn't for them, she'd still be on the street using or would probably have died.



Here is an excerpt from the *To Write Love On Her Arms* Web Site:

"You were created to love and be loved. You were meant to live life in relationship with other people, to know and be known. You need to know that your story is important and that you're part of a bigger story. You need to know that your life matters. We live in a difficult world, a broken world. Life is hard for most people most of the time. We believe that everyone can relate to pain, that all of us live with questions, and all of us get stuck in moments. You need to know that you're not alone in the places you feel stuck.

Hope is real. Love is real.
Your story is important.

We all wake to the human condition. We wake to mystery and beauty but also to tragedy and loss. Millions of people live with problems of pain. Millions of homes are filled with questions – moments and seasons and cycles that come as thieves and aim to stay. We know that pain is very real. It is our privilege to suggest that hope is real, and that help is real.

You need to know that rescue is possible, that freedom is possible, that God is still in the business of redemption. We're seeing it happen. We're seeing lives change as people get the help they need. We want to say here that it's worth it, that your life is worth fighting for, that it's possible to change.

Love is something better. I have been challenged and changed, reminded that love is that simple answer to so many of our hardest questions. Don Miller says we're called to hold our hands against the wounds of a broken world, to stop the bleeding. I agree so greatly.

We often ask God to show up. We pray prayers of rescue. Perhaps God would ask us to be that rescue, to be His body, to move for things that matter. He is not invisible when we come alive. I might be simple but more and more, I believe God works in love, speaks in love, is revealed in our love."

We can stop the angry hate from happening. We can be those people who show people kindness and love. Let's do it. © Kim Sturtz, *Children's Minister*

Moderator's Report

"I am the Church, *you are the Church, we are the Church* together", remember this hymn? We haven't sung it for a while, but it is so fitting for Peace UCC. I always come away from the council meetings amazed at what a vibrant community we are. Listening to the reports of the boards and committees, it is abundantly clear that we are a church of involved members doing good works. There are a variety of ways in which our members can and do become involved in the life of the church.

We are so blessed to have a large pool of committed members willing to pitch in and do their part, but there is room for more and there is always more that can be done. If you haven't yet gotten involved in the volunteer activities of Peace Church, I encourage you to consider the "Shared Ministry" form that was handed out recently. If you didn't get a form you can find it on our website: www.peaceucc.org, or check with the office staff. Think about your interests and talents and what you can offer. And, if you are able to contribute, fill out the form and return it to the office or email it back. Indeed"we are the church together".

Mike Swanoski, Vice Moderator

Important Congregational Meeting— Sunday, June 6th following the 10:30 service

Agenda

- **Receive Reports of Committees, Teams and Staff**
- **Elect our Coordinating Council and Affirm Committee Members**

Committee and Team Reports are due!

Please email your report to the office (office@peaceucc.org) by May 17. Also if you would like to serve on a specific committee or team, please let Linda Lundberg or Pastor Kathy know. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to be involved in the life of the church is hooked in!

23rd Psalm

Interpreted by 4th and 5th grade Church School classes

Thanks to teachers Nick Schutz and Diane Swanoski.

"The Lord Jesus is my guide.

I won't ever need anything or anyone else.

Jesus recharges me,

He reminds me about what's really important.

He makes me brave when I am scared.

With Him I don't need to worry.

Jesus brings people together in peace,

He welcomes our enemies.

He blesses me, and I am overflowing with joy.

I will have good things and forgiveness,

and I will be with Him in heaven for the rest of time."

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TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Gather on **Wednesday, May 12th** for dinner at 5:30 pm. Meetings will begin at 6 pm.

Childcare and Faith Weavers available for children during this time

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, May 18th at 7pm** in the Conference Room. Guests are always welcome.



Speaker Margaret
Anderson Kelliher

Rep. Roger Reinert

Pastor Kathy Nelson

~ by Pastor Kathy

On Monday, April 12th I was the chaplain for the day for the Minnesota House of Representatives. I was honored to be asked by Rep. Roger Reinert to do this. My only real task was to open the session in prayer. That day was the first day the legislatures had met since the plane crash that killed so many of the leaders of Poland, and it was also the home opener of the Minnesota Twins — two very different events to include in a time of prayer. Here are my words:

As we begin, let us pause for a time of silence as we remember the people of Poland in their time of loss and grief. We pause to remember the families of those who have died, we pause to give thanks for the service of their leaders and for the courage of many whose voices were silenced in Katyn, but who we hear now again in our time.

Holy One, be with all those who grieve, be with the people of Poland as they pick up the pieces of their nation once again and build anew.

We thank you for this day and each day we have with its many gifts. For the beauty of this state, her forests and lakes, her farms with life springing forth, and the cities filled with a diversity of people.

Guide us this day into the ways of service which are just. There is much celebration and excitement on this day of the home baseball opener. Open not only our stadium, but open our eyes to the beauty that is all around us and in each of us. Make us wide-eyed to our neighbors; make us wide-willed for peacemaking and justice; make us wide-hearted to share your love.

Teach us to pay attention, for you are all around us, the bushes of life are burning with your presence. We are truly standing on holy ground in this place as we serve the people of this precious state. May we all serve your people well this day.

Amen.

...held up in prayer

Thank you. Denny, my husband, and I set off on one pilgrim journey, a study tour of El Salvador with United Theological Seminary's Global Justice trips, and before our bags from El Salvador were unpacked, we turned around to begin a second pilgrimage, different in kind. We were driving toward Duluth on Saturday, March 27, 2010, after landing in the Twin Cities, when my sister called to tell us it was time to go to Oconomowoc, WI to sit watch at my father's bedside. At 86, he had been in failing health; his impending death was not a surprise. We were blessed. My family prayed. Our father had prepared himself spiritually, so that his growth in Christian spiritual depth and dignity rose to fill the void created by his physical losses. We were visited by caring, skilled chaplains and tended by Dad's wise women caregivers. We held each other and told the stories of both Dad's accomplishments, like thirty years of sobriety, and his outrageous escapades. This brief account from our family's story is universal, unique to us only in its particular details and its power to demand new choices from us.

Thank you, again. There is a singular element of my story that is at once particular and would be God's will that it were universal. I was held up in prayer by my faith communities: the Minnesota Conference, United Theological Seminary, my home congregation of Pilgrim United Church of Christ and my internship congregation, Peace United Church of Christ also in Duluth. I want to return to say, "Thank you." Being prayed for is remarkable—for me, it was a reliable, returning physical sensation. During the days with my father and my family, each time fear and anxiety drew me away, a warm, gentle lift arrived immediately to steady me back into the present. I was accompanied and comforted. Equally important, now as I return to welcoming friends—in their eyes I see the marks of their prayer, the warm love that I had last seen in the eyes of my birth family. It is true, in the body of Christ, we bear each other's burdens and absorb each other's grief, and Jesus' promise not to leave us orphaned is kept. I may feel like an untethered orphan these next few months, but I do not feel alone. Thank you for the blessing of prayer.

~ Jackie Falk, Seminary Intern

PROPHETIC MINISTRIES

CRACKING THE SHELL Starts May 13

The Dismantling Racism Team is offering "Cracking the Shell of Whiteness" to the Peace Church community. We offered it in January and February, and there were many people who were not able to participate. The purpose of this newly developed curriculum is to bring white people together to build our capacity and skills to be more effective and accountable in the work of undoing racism. Cracking the Shell of Whiteness is intended for white people who have had some exposure to the concepts of racism and white privilege, to help them move to a deeper level of consciousness and action. This is done, recognizing that while we are a multiracial, multicultural congregation, white people have an important role in helping each other to become effective allies with people of color in making changes.

The series will be delivered in 6 sessions (on a combination of Mondays and Thursdays) and will meet from 6-8:30 pm in the unfinished chapel space. We will meet:

Thursday - May 13	Thursday - May 27
Monday - May 17	Thursday - June 3
Monday - May 24	Monday - June 7

Suggested donation is \$50. No one will be turned away for financial reasons (though we are limited on space.) If you are interested in attending, please contact: Pamela Mittlefehldt - Pjmarch4@aol.com (525-3693) or Ann Feyen - annfeyen@charter.net (272-0352).

Seeds of Peace

The Mediatrix Multi-Purpose Cooperative bank in the Philippines received our loan and grant funds to help with their WE'R GLAD program. Three groups of women in their respective communities have already embarked on developing cooperative agri-businesses with funding supplemented in large part by the Seeds money. Rev. Tibo, who preached at Peace Church when he attended the UTS seminary a few years back and who currently heads the Board of Directors for the Cooperative, has promised to send us some pictures of an upcoming dedication ceremony for the project. We have also been invited to visit the area, perhaps next year, to see first hand the project in action. We are excited that this partnership, long in development, is finally going!

Environment and Energy committee

Meets Wednesday May 5 in the Burrow
(1st Weds of each Month)

Peace Church Survey

on Multicultural, Multiracial, Antiracist Identity

In June, 2009, the members of Peace Church voted to declare ourselves a Multiracial, Multicultural, Antiracist congregation. In doing so we were committing ourselves as a community to an ongoing process, to a journey toward fully embracing this identity.

An essential part of any journey is knowing where we are and where we are heading. The Dismantling Racism team of Peace Church is asking for your perspectives on where you see this church in relation to this declaration.

A major part of this process depends on hearing from each of you as members of the Peace community. The Dismantling Racism team has designed a brief survey. Your feedback is deeply appreciated—your voice and perspective are needed.

The survey will be available online through the Peace UCC website. We will also have paper copies available. We would appreciate having all surveys completed by May 31, 2010.

Again, our thanks for your response as we assess where we stand and where we are headed in our commitment to being a multiracial, multicultural, and antiracist church.

If you have further questions about the survey, please contact the Dismantling Racism survey committee: Jerry Cleveland, Pamela Mittlefehldt, and Lyn Clark Pegg.

Council letter regarding East Timor

The Council approved and sent the following letter to Congressmen James Oberstar and Dave Obey, and also a similar letter to President Obama. We encourage you to go to www.etan.org to learn more about this situation in Indonesia and sign the ETAN petition.

*Dear Congressmen Oberstar and Obey:
Soon President Obama will be traveling to Indonesia. One of the issues he will address is US Military aid. This is personal for us at Peace Church, as we have a family from Peace doing mission work in East Timor.*

*We are asking that any US-Indonesia military cooperation should be linked to genuine security sector reform, including bringing "Kopassus" officers involved in human rights abuses to trial. East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (www.ETAN.org <<http://www.etan.org/>>) opposes US training of Indonesia's notorious Special Forces (Kopassus) as they stand accused of the most egregious human rights violations. We are hoping that the two of you will support the ruling as it stands that states the ban on training of military units with a history of involvement in human rights violations (Leahy law) applies to Kopassus as a whole. Many of us will sign the ETAN petition. We sincerely hope that you will vote to continue to refuse to train Kopassus and continue the struggle for justice and accountability.
Sincerely,*

*Rev. Kathryn Nelson
on behalf of Peace United Church of Christ's Church Council
Duluth, MN 55805*

PEACE PEOPLE

THANK YOU

- Thank you to all the Sunday School Teachers for their wonderful teaching and guidance to our children here at Peace Church. We are grateful for all you do! Also a personal thanks from ME for helping me through my first year here! ~ Kim Sturtz
- For all who have graciously agreed to be helpers in the current Capital Campaign. To our Co-chairs, Justin Olson and Lisa Pomroy, our Advanced Visitor Guides, Spiritual Guides and Delivery Guides. To Sam Cook for interviewing folks for our Capital Campaign's "Faith Journeys" and for the inspiring write-ups. And thanks to the interviewees! Special thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the packets—Barb Forrest, Marg Paulson, Steve Coll, Lori Thompson, Lowell Oseland, Lisa Pomroy and Kim Squillace.
- To all those who were a part of this year's Holy Week and Easter worship services. We offer a special thanks to Jim, Seulgee, and our choir for their wonderful music.
- Thanks to Cindy McLean and our Peace Puppets for being part of this year's Celebration of Community Peacemakers on April 18th and for performing for our Children's time the same day.
- To all who helped to lead this year's women's retreat: Jane Rupel and Anne Skwira-Brown for music and worship, Lisa Pomroy for accommodations; Susan Ranfranz and Heather Marie Bloom for our creative project and Erin Dewitt for our meditation time.
- From United Theological Seminary: Thank you to Peace UCC for the \$38 gift you made to UTS's Scholarship fund in honor of Seminary Sunday 2010.
- To Mary Martin for scrubbing and waxing the church kitchen floor—it looks great!
- From Church World Service to Peace youth: Thank you so much for your donation of Hygiene Kits for Haiti. Since the earthquake in Haiti, CWS has provided more than 31,000 Hygiene Kits. Together, we help people rebuild a life of hope. Your donation helps meet needs in the wake of catastrophe and conveys the consoling message that they are not alone in their struggle to recover. Kits are a gift of hope in a time of need.

SYMPATHY

- To the family of Jesse Askelin. A memorial service was held at Peace Church on April 11th. Pastor Kathy officiated and Mary Nienaber sang.
- To Kim Hayes, on the death of her father, Jim Stellmaker, who was Central High School's band director for 23 years before he retired.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Jaslyn Adams at St. Mary's Hospital recovering from a respiratory infection.
- Tommie Adams waiting for a liver transplant. If anyone is able to help with her care after she comes home, please let Pastor Kathy know.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ben Stapleton Clark, son of Mollie and Dave, who was baptized on April 25th.

PEACE HELPING PEACE

Whether it's providing a basic service to a person in need or just being a fresh perspective with new ideas to an existing program, it's the good work of our community to jump in and lend a hand whenever possible. Here in the Peace Bell, and in weekly reminders, we'll be highlighting some opportunities for you to lend a hand.

- Intergenerational Event Planning: Help us brainstorm our monthly events (quarterly meetings). Contact Paul.
- Outdoor Ministry: Help plan seasonal outdoor adventures for our church community (quarterly meetings). Contact Paul.
- Men's Ministry: Help plan small groups, discussions, special events, and outdoor adventures (quarterly meeting). Contact Paul.
- Shuttle Service: We have many people without transportation who wish to worship with us. Providing cab rides has depleted our transportation fund. We are looking for someone who would be willing to provide rides for a few folks on Sunday mornings. Would you be willing to offer your services on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis?? **Or would you be willing to be the official Peace Church driver and drive people every Sunday?** We could offer a small stipend to anyone willing to do this. Please call or email the office if you can help in any way!

Beyond living into our vision of being a welcoming church, this is a great opportunity to get to know some of the people that worship with us each week. Currently rides are needed from 16th Ave and E. 1st St., 13th Ave & E 4th St., and 522 Anderson Rd.

Donations are always welcome to our transportation fund and are currently much needed! Put "transportation fund" in the memo of your check and drop it in the offering or mail it to the church.

Thank You!!

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



Children's Choir Wednesdays
5-5:30pm in the Music Room

Learn fun new songs and meet new friends. Silly songs, getting-to-know you games, and practice songs to sing on a Sunday. We usually perform once a month in Church. If your child loves singing and wants to get to know some new friends, bring the family to children's choir. Lots of fun!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Levi Shrake
Cayden Stegmann
Jen Hudyma
- 2 Laurie Linder
Ian Thoennes
Anna Imes
- 3 Sarah Engebretson
Eve Moors
- 4 Laura Squillace
John Moeller
Jim Pospisil
Kellen O'Connell
Coulter Holden
Joseph Gutierrez
Aggie Pokrzywinski
Jim Gangl
- 5 Julie Flotten
Daniel Ward
- 6 Bill Hardesty
Quillan Geiger Zeitler
Andrea Torrago
- 7 Don Beichler
John Goltz
Emily Sandomierski
Sylvie Deters
Claire Barlass
- 8 Gracie Pearson
- 9 Rachel Skwira-Brown
- 10 Louise Hawley
Madison Beal
- 11 Angie O'Connell
Steve Coll
Dan Neby
Jazzelle Waxvik
- 12 River Fena
Stan Burns
- 14 Marion Caven
Sylvia Bowen-Bailey
Sarah Jessico



- 14 Erik Rupert
Tim Everson
- 15 Ruth Olson
Bjorn Aas-Larson
- 16 Eric Larson
Samuel Ramsey-Coffin
Jim McLean
- 17 Peter Kendall
Samuel Kendall
Kierra McKinnon
- 18 Leon Rohrbaugh
- 19 Stephen Pestalozzi
- 20 Scott Lundberg
Wyatt Carlson
Jayden Samuel
- 21 Beth Bartlett
Julie Carlsness
Lowell Oseland
- 23 Barbara Stretchberry
Danny Johnson
Alex Jackson
- 24 Alan Peterson
Claira Poirier
- 25 Doug Zaun
Bob Feyen
- 26 Brandon Kohlts
Georgette Sarkela
Reed Kendall
Maxwell Kozelka
- 27 Jan Eschbach
- 28 Mike Lundberg
Leslie Williamson White
Callan Pfau
Kyle Torrago
- 29 Parker Bambenek
Mary Bode
- 30 Amy Galarowicz
Joe Ehlers
Raquel Jensen

Peace Church Library
Check it out!



All of the nonfiction books have been entered in the card catalog and we will be doing an inventory very soon. 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 as soon as possible.

New adult books:

- Ahab's Wife, or, The Star-Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund
- The Force of Character* by James Hillman
- The Color of Water : A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride
- Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality* by Jack Rogers
- Diving into the Wreck : Poems 1971-1972* by Adrienne Rich
- The Way of Torah : An Introduction to Judaism* by Jacob Neusner
- Four Spirits* by Sena Jeter Naslund
- Empire Falls : A Novel* by Richard Russo
- The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis
- Contact : A Novel* by Carl Sagan

New children's books:

- The Gateway to Storyland* by Watty Piper
- Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox
- The Three Questions* by Jon J Muth
- I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie* by Alison Jackson

Circulation statistics continue to grow, which is great. The only problem is that more books are going out than are coming back. We want you to use and enjoy the books but we would like others to be able to enjoy them too. Please return the books after one month or let us know that you need them longer.

Practicing Justice, Living Faith:

Connecting Spiritual Life with Social Action

Thursday May 20 7:00pm

Teatro Zuccone, 222 E. Superior

CHUM and the JRLC will be co-hosting a panel discussion of young activists on the topic of faith-based social justice from multiple religious perspectives. All ages are welcome to attend. Refreshments and informal discussion to follow the event in the lobby of Teatro Zuccone. For more info contact Elizabeth at CHUM: eolson@chumduluth.org or call 720-6521.



Calling all Runners!

The Gabriel Fund is holding their 10th annual marathon fundraiser, "Running to help keep people on their feet". The Gabriel Fund is a small discretionary fund available to help low income people in our community make ends meet. The fund helps with such things as medication co-pays, transportation to and from work, and utility bills. This is the fundraising event of the year to ensure that assistance is available to those who need it most in our community. If you are running Grandma's Marathon (or 1/2) sign up to help promote this fundraiser in your congregation. We are looking for runners to collect monetary donations from members of their congregation, as well as spread the excitement about this event. Use your energy and passion to help others in your community.

Not Running? We are looking for volunteers at the **CHUM water stop at mile marker 24** in front of Fitters. Two time slots: 6:15am-10:00am or 10:00am-1:30pm. Look for sign up sheets at your church.

Sign up to run or volunteer! Questions? Contact Veronica Gaidelis-Langer 218-740-2500 or email vgaidelis@chumduluth.org.

Arrowhead Interfaith Council Afternoon Tea / Annual Meeting

Sunday May 2, 2pm - 3:30pm

First United Methodist Church

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, fruit and desserts, prepared by the Whole Foods Co-op, and tea, coffee and punch while serenaded by strolling musicians. Donation \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door.

Reservations: Call Max at CHUM, 720-6521 or mail payment payable to AIC to CHUM at 102 W 2nd St., 55802.

Letter Carriers Food Drive on Sat. May 8

Volunteers needed! Walkers, Sorters and Rovers are needed. **To Volunteer;** Contact Meg at 727-2391 or chumfs@chumduluth.org.

Dulcimer Day, May 1

at the Coppertop Church

Workshops 9-5, Concerts at 1pm and 7pm
www.DulcimersInDuluth.com for more info and online registration.

all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction with live music

Friday May 7 and Saturday May 8

5:30pm-7:30 pm. at St. Paul's Church

\$11 singles \$20 couples, kids under 10- FRE

This is a Loaves and Fishes Fundraiser for work that needs to be done on the Hannah House at Loaves & Fishes. We will be re opening it as a women's hospitality house.

One Voice – Three Altos Concert

Saturday May 8 at 7:30pm

Marshall School Fregeau Auditorium

Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 at the door

Available at Northern Lights Books, At Sara's Table or www.brownpapertickets.com

Needs at CHUM

Family Shelter can use electric alarm clocks, feminine hygiene products, body lotion, gentle bar soap, deodorant, size 3 and 4 diapers, baby care products, soap, shampoo, child sized table and chairs, kids play kitchen, workbench, and gently used baby dolls.

Street Case Management: Umbrellas and sleeping bags.

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Nursery

- 2 Jill Pospisil, Beth Kinney, Annie Rupert
- 9 Jessica Olson, Alison Wood, Britt or Leon R.
- 16 Sophie Wilkowske, ChristinaMarie Langdon-Larson, Molly Stapleton-Clark
- 23 Kristina Green, Melanie Lundell, Mary Adams
- 30 Cindy Krieg, Robin Davidson, Hannah Carpenter

Greeters

- 2 Seversons
- 9 Cindy Macaulay, Essie Geiger
- 16 Jane Ward, **Volunteer needed**
- 23 Bill Hardesty/Georgette Sarkala
- 30 Lynette Boyko, Marg Paulson

Lay Readers

- 2 Dismantling Racism Team
- 9 Sarah Jessico
- 16 Jill Hess
- 23 Matt Johnson
- 30 Phyllis Cook

8:30 Communion Bread



- 2 Terese Tomanek
- 9 McLeans
- 16 Linda Lundberg
- 23 Linda Goese
- 30 Denise Hamsher

Damiano Soup Kitchen

May 9

- 1:30 - Dave & Bev Cave, Tom & Kim Heinitz
- 4:30 - Phyllis & Scott Mead, Elsa Erickson, Denise Perry

Monday Meal

at Loaves and Fishes

- 3 Doug Bowen-Bailey
- 10 John & Lyn Clark Pegg
- 17 Bob & Kay Stevens
- 24 Sandy Moore/Deb Stricker
- 31 Marlis Cran

Ushers

- 2 Devlins, Essie Geiger, Cindy Macaulay
- 9 Caroline Harris, Elsie Cook, Tom & Marsha Hystead
- 16 Todd & Lori Lind, Nettie Bothwell, Denise Hamsher
- 23 Bob & Rene Montgomery, John & Lyn Pegg
- 30 Sandra Moore & Deb Stricker, Katey Fornear, Jayme Hennen

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 and clean-up help is needed for just 4 more Wednesdays this month, before we take a break for the summer. If you haven't helped out before—now's your chance to give it a try. Pitch in and take your turn! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.



COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEES

May Coffee Hour

Coordinators:
Barb Forrest, 727-5399
Cindy Macaulay, 722-3432
Alison Wood & Julie Flot-
ten, 724-5690



May 2

Set-up: Sam & Phyllis Cook
 Serve/Clean-up: Al Netland/Melanie Shepard, Matt & Patty Johnson

May 9

Set-up: Kathy Dowell, Eve Stein
 Serve/Clean-up: Christa Knudsen, Bill DeRoche, Laretta Shrake

May 16—no coffee hour (dinner)

May 23

Set-up: Susan Goltz family
 Serve/Clean-up: Maggie/Mark Fink

May 30

Set-Up: Craig & Jeanie Peterson
 Serve/Clean-Up: Bergerons

Please bring 3 dozen cookies on your Sunday to help out.



THANK YOU!

Coming up — June

Coordinators:
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 Martha Minchak & Craig Bublitz, 628-3462
 Penny Cragun, 727-2972
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 Tim & Melanie Lundell, 525-4929
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