

AUGUST 2011



The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

What's happening at Peace Church in August?



Canoeing Day Trip

Saturday, August 6

Meet at the church at 8am

Join us for a day on the water! We'll head over to Wisconsin to paddle a stretch of the Brule River. Bring your own canoe, paddles, and PFD's—or we'll have some to borrow! Meet at the church at 8am. **Bring a sack lunch! Please sign up in the narthex.** Questions? Contact Paul.

Meeting for Work Campers to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi

Sunday, August 7

11:30 am in the Youth Room

Come and get all the information and meet your co-travelers! Dan Green will be the trip leader with spiritual support from Pastor Paul. It is a great group of folks who are attending! The Bus will leave the church parking lot at 9 am on Saturday, August 27th and return in the evening on Saturday, September 3rd. Cost is \$300.



VBS meets under the baobab tree, and inside it, too!

Annual Outdoor Worship, Picnic and Lawn Game Decathlon

Sunday, August 7

10:30 Worship under the tent near lower parking lot

11:30 potluck in the Fellowship Hall

After picnic, Lawn Games at Grant Park

Join us for worship, fellowship, good food & fun!

After the 10:30 worship service, fried chicken, biscuits and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite **side dish or salad** to share.

Ice cream bars for dessert!

Sponsored by the Food & Fellowship Committee.

After the picnic, head down the hill to Grant Park where the youth group will be hosting this year's "Lawn Game Decathlon". Feel free to bring your own favorite lawn games to share.



Church Picnic

Dismantling Racism Team Kick-off Potluck Picnic Wednesday August 24

The Dismantling Racism team is having a potluck picnic to start the year on Wed. Aug 24th. We'll be brainstorming and discussing our passions and priorities for the year. **This is open to anyone who is interested in being part of the committee or would just like to come and check it out.** Please come with your ideas, interests and a dish to share to Doug and Holly Bowen-Bailey's house at 728 E. 7th St. from 5:30-8pm. Any questions, call Maggie Fink, 260-4567.

From Pastor Kathy Nelson

In Matthew's Gospel readings for July, Jesus is teaching us again, not in stories but parables and metaphors. I love Shari Brown's comparison of these parables of Jesus to fireflies, glimmers of light in the night skies of our lives. Did you see it there? Did you feel it? The kingdom of heaven is like seeds, leaven, fields, a pearl and a net (Matthew 13: 44-52).

As Barbara Brown Taylor wrote, "These five flashes of the kingdom come at us so quickly that there is no time to settle down at all. Jesus zings us with them—one, two, three, four, five—like snapshots, like scenes glimpsed through the windows of a fast moving train. The kingdom of heaven is like this, and this and this, he says. It is almost like he does not want us to think too much about them, like he does not want us to get stuck on any one of them but to be dazzled by the number and variety of things the kingdom of heaven is like—like this and this and this."

Jesus lived the kingdom of heaven—that which was begun but not yet complete. He showed us with his very life what heaven is, and asked us to take it up and live it until it was fully realized. And he taught through parables . . . the kingdom of heaven is like this and this and this . . . strange stories and metaphors . . . have you understood all this? He asks this at the end of the teachings. Have you understood? And we stand with the disciples, our mouths half open, yes . . . Okay, no not really.

At the Festival of Homiletics this past May, Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor preached on the parable of the field. She reminded us that you can't have the treasure without buying the whole field. I like the thought that perhaps in

spending all the money he has to buy the field, he begins to realize that no longer is the treasure in the field, but the whole field is the treasure. It is in the daily plowing through of the field of our lives that we find the gifts buried and growing. The Gospel writer John reminds us, "For God so loved the whole world . . ." We walk on the fields of life, dig in them, plant them, and sometimes it is just plain hard work. But at other times it is enough to walk through the field of life and know that treasure lies right there under your feet, in the mud between your toes. Let us open our eyes to the lilies and the sparrows, bread and weeds.

I was able to do just that as I camped with 11 of our junior high kids at Fenske Lake. We had two sites at a National Forest Service Campground. We spent one day in the BWCA at Hegman Lake, checking out the pictographs and swimming in the cool water on a very hot day. I loved just sitting on a rock watching them swim, bobbing up and down in their life jackets. As I sat a school of blue gills came by to nibble my feet, and a loon and her baby floated on by. Ahhh . . . treasure in the field of my daily living. . . a firefly of light . . . holy, holy, holy space and time. See it? Invest in it, love it.



The treasure of our Peace Church kids—at this year's VBS!

Seeds, leaven, fields, pearls and nets. The kingdom of heaven is right here, right now, in the daily of our lives. Jesus knew it all along. If you want to describe that which is beyond all words, you begin with the words we all know . . . dirt, seeds, birds, bread, water, loons, fish, joy. The kingdom of heaven is like these things, the kingdom is found in these things. The word made flesh plows the fields of the daily with us. We are walking on treasure. Do you understand these things?

We're trying Lord . . . and all the while the fireflies are dancing in our darkness.

Peace Friends ~ Pastor Kathy

Sundays in August

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

Sunday, August 7

Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service

This morning we will worship together at 8:30 in the sanctuary, and at 10:30 in our back yard under our big yellow tent, followed by a potluck picnic. Chicken, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

Paul Van Antwerp will be our preacher

Scripture: Romans 10: 5 – 15, Matthew 14:22 – 33

Sermon: "Summer Sandals"

Sunday, August 14

Scripture: Genesis 45:1 – 15 and Matthew 15:21 – 28

Sermon: "Bold Moves" with Pastor Kathy preaching

Sunday, August 21

Scripture: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Sermon: "Drawn Up" with Pastor Kathy preaching

Sunday, August 28

Scripture: Exodus 3:1 – 15 and Romans 12:1 – 8

Sermon: "Spirit Led Living" with Pastor Kathy preaching

Summer Music

We are looking for volunteers to provide special music during our 8:30 and 10:30 worship services this summer. You can sing or play an instrument. A sign up sheet is posted outside the office or feel free to call or email the office.

This music is so important to our worship!



Would you like to sing in choir?

Please join us at 6:15pm on Wednesdays beginning September 14th. Try it out and see if it's for you. Contact Jim Pospisil for any questions.

*Remember **Kid's Choir** will practice at 5pm every Wednesday beginning September 14!*

Peace Bell articles due August 20!

Jaslyn Adams "Soul Food Feast"

August 21, after second service.

Jaslyn and friends will be cooking up a "soul food" feast to help raise money for her expenses. Join us after the second service for good friends, good music, and great food! (A free-will donation is appreciated).

Peace Babies picture

September 11 at 11:30am

For babies born since September 1, 2010!

Bring your baby to church to be a part of our annual Peace Babies photo.

Meet in front of the sanctuary after the 10:30 worship.

Inquirer's Classes

Wednesdays, September 28 & October 5
6 – 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Come meet others who are new to Peace Church 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 October 9th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

Peace Church's Inaugural Fall Food Fair Needs You!

We're looking for folks willing to share their skills in putting food by, raising critters, turning garden bounty into treasured preserves, or other skills to help provide, preserve, grow, harvest, or even just find food! We know that folks at Peace have amazing talents, and we want to give everyone a chance to learn from each other, while gaining new skills to provide more healthy and sustainable foods for our families and be better stewards of creation.

Contact Jesse Schomberg (jschombe@umn.edu or 525-0325) for more details and to offer your skills during this unique event. **The Food Fair will be at Peace following church on Sunday, October 16th.** More details in next month's Peace Bell!

Activities and Opportunities

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6 pm in the Fireside Room
even during the Summer!

Fellowship, Prayer and Learning Together

Join Pastor Kathy and Bob Stevens using Lectio Divina method of reading the Gospel lesson for the next Sunday.

Lectio divina is listening to scripture. We are listening for the still, small voice of God that will speak to us. We read slowly, attentively, gently listening to hear a word or phrase that is God's word for us this day. No prior biblical knowledge needed! We close with prayer, each praying for the person on his or her right. Join us on Wednesdays at 6 pm as we practice this ancient and yet very relevant method of Bible study.

Alert for your Calendar - Save these Dates

The Gospel of Matthew, long a favorite for Christians, is being read in whole new ways. Plan to join Jerry Cleveland and Jackie Falk in a shared reading of the Gospel of Matthew that is less a class than a small community for six weeks on Thursday, October 6, 2011 through November 10, 2011 here at Peace Church.

Small Groups Update

Our spring small groups have either ended or are wrapping up. We are taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall with a great number of opportunities: Spiritual Direction Group, Writing Group, Book Studies, Bible Studies, Adult Confirmation... let Paul know what strikes your interest.

Indoor Plant Care Volunteers Needed

Volunteer to care for our church's indoor plants. Lists of our plant crew, plant locations, and plant care tasks will be provided. Water once/week for a month, possibly twice a year depending on the rotation. Contact Cathy Wood at kcduluth@yahoo.com or 218-724-1196.

Volunteers are needed for the Damiano Soup Kitchen for the coming year!

Peace Church has committed to providing volunteers to help prepare and serve food on the second Sunday every month of the year. Food preparation occurs from 1:30 to 4:00 and the serving shift runs from 4:00 to 6:30. If you are at all interested in this important work - even for just one 2.5 hour shift during the year, please contact Jessica Olson at 724-5210 or jjolson@gmail.com. Families can sign up - children over the age of 10 are welcome to help.

PALS "Peace Adults Learning and Socializing"

The annual PALS picnic and planning meeting will be at the Hamshers on THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.

Details will follow in email.

Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!

August 10 & 24

Pastor Kathy & crew can be found every other Wednesday at 9am at the Chum Drop-In Center flipping pancakes for the guests. Join them any time you can—you'll meet new folks and have fun!

Softball

Come cheer on the Peace Church Softball team!

The Playoffs are on August 2 & 9.

Time and Field TBA.

Women's Brown Bag Bible Study

We will take a break for July and August, and resume meeting on the fourth Wednesday of September.

Men's Breakfast—August 4 & 18

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

"Peacestock!"

September 16th-17th at Joel and Daina Rosen's Farm in Mahtowa. Bring the family for an evening of great food, music, and camping in the big field. All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Paul.

Save the Date! 2011 CROP Walk -

A fundraiser for Church World Service and its interfaith partners

Sunday - September 25, 2011

1:30 Registration - Asbury United Methodist Church - 6822 Grand Ave

2:00 Walk on the Western Waterfront Trail

The walk is approximately 5K - out and back, so if you want to shorten the walk, you can turn around at any time.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN AUGUST.

Contact Doug Bowen-Bailey for more info: 722.7166 or dbb@digiterp.com

Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Every Wednesday, 7pm — 8:30pm

Meet in the New and Improved Youth Room!

Hey Youth Group!

We have a great month ahead: lawn games and swimming, a little hard work (giving back to others), a little hard thinking (giving back to ourselves)—all to keep you awake and alive for the rest of your summer. Join us each Wednesday to experience church, community, world, and fun in PCYG style. Oh, and bring a friend! Remember, we meet on Wednesdays from 7pm – 8:30 (with a few exceptions, noted below). ~ Paul

August 3rd: (For Fun) “Lawn Game Scientists”

Tonight, we'll be the “research and development” team to prepare for hosting next Sunday's “Lawn Game Decathlon” after the church picnic. Bring your favorite lawn games to youth group! (I'll bring volleyball and bocce).

August 6th: (For Fun) “Ba-Roooooole!”

Intergenerational Event: Canoeing Day Trip! Join the church for a fun day floating down Wisconsin's Brule River. We'll meet at the church at 8am (and bring a sack lunch!). Interested? Sign up in the narthex or contact Paul!

August 7th (Sunday): (For Church) “Lawn Game Decathlon!”

After the church picnic (which begins after the 2nd service), we'll run down to Grant Park and set up our lawn games for the younger kids (and the young-at-heart).

August 10th (For Community) “Giving Back: CHUM”

Churches United in Ministry (CHUM) “walks the talk” on so many of our ideas about what it means to be faithful to the ministry of Jesus. But just like our youth group, they can't do all their great work without the support of volunteers. This evening, we'll drive down to a few of CHUM's ministries, check them out, and give them our support! (Bring work clothes.)

August 17th: (For Church) “Peace Church Doozers”

Ok, so you're all too young to remember the “doozers” from Fraggle Rock, but there *is* a crew of hard-working people at this church who keep things in order and safe so the rest of us can enjoy the building. The Peace Church Property Committee does a lot to help us out. Tonight we're going to give them a hand! (Bring work clothes.)

August 24th @6pm: (For Community/For Fun) “Clean Beach/ Fresh Water”

We'll head down to Park Point at 6pm, take a little time to do our fair share of keeping our beaches clean, then dive in! Bring your swimsuits! (NOTE EARLIER START TIME!—oh, and bring your swimsuits!)

August 31st: (For World) “The Gulf”

It's been a year since the giant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. We'll take a look at the impact of the spill one year later. Also: a crew from our church are down there right now. We'll see what they're up to.

Hey Middle Schoolers!

I just want to shout out to all the Fenske Participants for a wonderful trip! It was so much fun! Also I want to make sure all those who have been participating this summer in youth group how great everything has been. You are diving into those deep questions and also have a good amount of fun time. Thanks for being so great! ~ Kim

Hey Parents and Mentors!

As always, a huge word of thanks for helping drive and chaperone our PCYG events. Knowing we have the support of a great crew of volunteers helps us look deeper and wider as we plan our activities. Note: If you're reading this and are interested in helping with youth group events/ activities, call Paul @ 349-0143. We have a great group and a lot of adventures ahead! ~ Paul

And a look ahead...

(Families—put these on your calendars!):

September 14th: “Kick-off for Fall Activities”

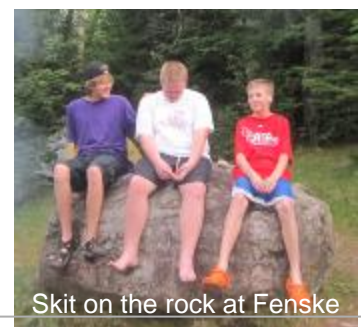
Join us for a party, and to welcome new Pilgrim Church youth to PCYG!

September 16th: “Peacestock”

Bring the family down to Joel and Daina's farm for camping, music, and food.

November 11th: “11111@11111”

(November 11th, 2011 at 1111 11th Ave. East) An overnight “lock-in” at the church for both Middle School and Senior High—connected with the UCC's “Mission 1” campaign.



Skit on the rock at Fenske

Wednesdays in the Fall

Looking Ahead! **Wednesday Activities** **begin on September 14!**

5-5:30: Kids Choir

5:30-6: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6-7: Faith Weavers, Peace Puppets, Bible Study

6:15: Adult Choir

7-8:30: Youth Group and Confirmation

Peace Puppets

It is the fifth year of Peace Puppets for 4th and 5th grade kids. We are looking forward to seeing our veteran puppeteers and meeting new ones. We have lots of fun putting on shows, writing scripts and making puppets.



We meet during the regular Wednesday night activity hour from 6:00 to 7:00, right after dinner. We are in the Lakeview

Classroom.

Our music accompanist is off to college so we are looking for someone to help pick music and play for our shows. Is this you? It is not necessary to attend Peace Puppets each week or for the whole hour. We are flexible!

We will be starting September 14 with a meeting for kids and parents. Hope you can be there. If you have questions give Cindy McLean a call (525-3526) or an email (cindy@peaceucc.org).

Kids Choir!

Kids Choir is starting up again September 14th! If your child is between the ages of preschool and 3rd Grade, please come to the Peace Church Music Room from 5:00-5:30. ☺ Sing silly songs, play get-to-know-you games, and learn new songs to perform in church. Super

First Year Confirmation ***Calling All Ninth Graders***

We have a great group of youth and an exciting year planned for you with class the **second and fourth Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 pm**. There will be at least 12 youth in our class.

We will also have retreats and participate in next summer's National Youth Event. Part of the class expectation is regular participation in worship and/or youth group. We are asking that you be in worship or youth group (beyond confirmation class) at least two times a month. There is also an expectation of service hours totaling at least four a month.

If this is your first year in confirmation, our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00pm with youth and parents. Kathy Nelson will be the primary teacher with help from Paul Van Antwerp, Mary Bode and other adults.

Second Year Confirmation ***Tenth Graders!***

The second year confirmation class will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7 – 8:30pm. Our first class of this year will be on **Wednesday, September 21**. You will receive a full schedule in the mail prior to that event. It will be great to be back together again!

*Mark your calendars now
for the UCC National Youth Event
July 10 – 15, 2012!*

10 Church School Teachers Needed!

By Kim Sturtz, Children's Minister

It is a balmy late July day, and I am sweating a little, not because it is hot, but because I am thinking about the Sunday school teachers we are needing this fall. So many times I've looked out into the congregation and seen so many people who could and would make fabulous teachers to these beautiful little kids we have here at Peace Church.

Here are the highlights of being a teacher on Sunday Mornings: 1) You get to team teach with another parent or congregation member so you don't have to be here every Sunday. 2) Pre-set curriculum with ideas, stories, and craft ideas. 3) Front row seat at Christmas Pageant. 4) The wonderful feeling that you helped and aided in the faith formation of a young person.

If you are reading this and feel you could handle this or are willing to go out on a limb and try it out for a year, give me a call (724-3637) or email (kimsturtz@gmail.com) to let me know you are interested. We need your help! :)

Kim's Column

Fenske National Campground has been a treat to venture into. We had 11 middle schoolers, Pastor Kathy, Justin Olson, Eve Stein, Lambeaux the dog, and myself on the trip. Despite the biting black flies and horse flies, the majesty of the tall white pines and smell of untouched north woods is enough to melt your worries away. We decided to travel north during the nation-wide excessive heat warning, made plans to portage into the boundary waters via the Hegman Lake entrance, and decided to do as much swimming as possible.



We had a great time despite the heat, making foil packet dinners, pancakes, sandwiches, and pigs-in-a-blanket over the fire. For snacks we had s'mores and a Jiffy Pop contest over the fire. In the Boundary Waters, we saw the pictographs, and then found a rock side where we ate our lunch and swam for a couple hours. When we got back from Hegman Lake, some went to fish, some swam some more, and some played card games at the picnic table. At night before bed, we sang songs, journaled about our days, and performed creative skits for others to enjoy. After lights out, in our tents we told stories and giggled about happy events that occurred that day. We listened to the loons sing to each other at night as a special lullaby.



Quickly it was all done and the tents and bags were packed, the canoes were mounted on the cars and strapped tightly down, and smelly bug-sprayed, suntan-lotioned bodies were piled into cars to make their way home to the city on the hill by the big lake. It was a great experience for all!



Notes from Seminary

My heart is so warmed each time someone, but especially someone from Peace, asks me about what my experience in seminary is like; the experience I call, with deep affection, spiritual boot camp. This summer I am reflecting on my “chaplaincy internship” or Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) this past spring at St. Mary’s Hospital here in Duluth.

You know how a child squints and peeks at something greatly feared as unbearable, but it is in fact largely unknown? That has been my approach when mustering the courage of heart “to see” the suffering of my fellow human beings, a reality I know I must become able “to see” in order to follow Jesus’ uncompromising call that we draw near to those in greatest need. Like the fear-filled child, I have been opening my eyes in small increments, first on Denny’s and my trip to El Salvador, and then in the time before my father’s death.

This past spring, to serve as a chaplaincy intern, I knew I would have to open my eyes fully and I was unsure if I could do so. But when I did, I met yet one more transforming moment in this spiritual boot camp. Like scales falling from Paul’s eyes, when the scales of resistance and fear dropped from mine, the suffering in my presence lost none of its painful poignancy, but it did lose all of its power to threaten. Instead when I came near, I was drawn into a shared and holy moment of transformation filled with grace and spirit that expanded the seeming infinite potential of human resilience embedded in God’s love.

I look forward to time with our youth who demand an accountability of faith, to time exploring our following of Jesus with gospel study, and to complete my plan to graduate from United Theological Seminary, May 20, 2012.

Just returned, as I write this, from a week’s vacation with family. Kath, Eliot and I went out to northern California to see the redwoods and the coast. The awe-inspiring beauty of ancient trees and rugged coastline notwithstanding, by far, the highlight of our trip was the long, uninterrupted time together as a family. (No...really! We didn’t get sick of each other until the plane ride back home! Honest!) And I’m taking the whole experience as a great teaching lesson for our son.

See, I’m confident that our family knows what “our family values” are, and Kathy and I do our best to instill those morals into our child, but there is no substitute—no greater resources for instilling our family values—than letting our child bear witness to how we react on a daily basis to beauty and surprise, disdain and discomfort, elation and exhaustion. It is the nuances of a day—our reactions to the stuff of everyday life—that make us real.

There are so many means by which our culture attempts to measure our values: how we spend our money (for institutions such as government and church, a budget is a “moral document” indeed!), how we spend our leisure time, our choices as consumers, our vote... but again, it is the nuances of a day—our reactions to the stuff of everyday life—that makes us real. A person does not live tucked neatly into a series of postulated aphorisms. No ideological template—no statement of morality, faith, political belief, nor creed transcend the varied and dynamic nature of our soul and spirit just getting through the day. Ah! There’s the rub! It’s what makes engaging our faith such a challenging venture. —And that’s why I love to hear the parables of Jesus when they arrive in the lectionary. Jesus grounds these often complex concepts of faith and “the kingdom of heaven” (in contrast to the political kingdoms that claim dominion over us at any given time), into the sweat and muscle of the everyday.

It’s a good reminder for all of us: our Christian faith is, frankly, “just talk”, until it is tested—made manifest—by everyday life. Our gospel narratives offer some examples, but if a mustard seed or a lost sheep or a prodigal son do not seem to relate directly to you—surely there are simple parts of your day through which the Holy Spirit has found a way to reach you, coax your soul from the comfort and security of the mind, and help your faith live, whole and holy, into your life. God bless it.

VBS kids having healthy snacks, thanks to donations from all of you!



Financial Update

By council treasurer, Dick Goese

Usually by this time of the year you hear a plea to keep up with your pledges, since summer time giving lags but expenses continue. So far this year we are keeping up with both expenses and income very close to budget. This is due, at least in part, to the fact that approximately 115 households have opted to use some form of automatic payment. If you wish to join this list, contact Beth, our bookkeeper, in the church office to set it up (beth@peaceucc.org).

Our current 3-year capital campaign is now 1/3 or 33% completed. We have received \$135,000 which is 36% of the \$378,000 pledged. This has allowed us to continue paying ahead on the principal of our loan. On April 1, 2009, we borrowed \$702,000 to pay for the sanctuary remodeling. The loan calls for monthly payments of \$5,580 for five years with a balloon payment of \$530,000 in 2014 which we will need to refinance. The interest rate currently is 5%.

We have been able to pay an extra \$145,000 on the principal, thus reducing the amount we will need to refinance in 2014 to \$345,000, and this is assuming that we make no more extra payments.

(Our loan is structured this way because to the bank we are a small business and not eligible for a long-term mortgage with a fixed rate of interest. This is why it is important for us to pay as much as possible on the principal now while interest rates are low.)

The recently completed remodeling of the area under the front of the sanctuary was paid for by a generous gift from Peggy Maske in honor of her late husband, George. Remember to thank Peggy when you see her.

At one point in the planning process, we anticipated that we would still be paying for the narthex addition at this point. Significant bequests and the faithful generosity of the congregation have brought us to this point far ahead of anything imagined.

Weekly Reminders

If you are not getting our weekly email reminders and would like to receive them, please let us know! We have been making some changes with our format and method of sending, so we want to make sure we haven't lost any of you in the process. We also welcome feedback. Talk to Nancy or Janell in the front office (724-3637) if you have suggestions.

Intergenerational Trip to Back Bay Mission

August 27 - September 4 in Biloxi, Mississippi

We will take a coach bus down to Biloxi and then stay at Seashore United Methodist Camp—right across from the Gulf Coast.

Anyone from the congregation age 14 and up is welcome to come! Folks with construction skills are especially encouraged. **Dan Green will be the leader of this trip with back-up from Pastor Paul.**

The Work Camp program is one of Back Bay Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back Bay Mission has developed a successful style of work camping based on experiential learning. Cost is \$300 with scholarships available.

Participants so far include: Nick Zeitler, Dan, Kristina, Melissa and Andrew Green, Sarah, Peter and Craig Kvale, Tim and Madeline Carpenter, Gunnar Aas, Scott Mead, Clairra and Evan Poirier, Val Jensen, Tony Watson, Glenda Valdez, Parker, Mary and Jeff Adams, Mike, Gregg and Victoria Nugent, T J Lind, Vanessa Kohl, Tom and Isaac Wilkowske, Cadence and Connor Bambenek, Sam Miller, Victor Adams, Kate and John Thoennes, and Paul Van Antwerp.

If your name is on this list, be sure to attend the meeting on August 7 at 11:30 in the Youth Room—payments are due at that time!

Teams and Committees

Wednesday, August 10

Teams and committees will meet on Wednesday, August 10. A pizza dinner will be served at 5:30 with meetings beginning at 6:00. Childcare will be provided. Join us for these very important meetings as we plan for our 2011 – 2012 program year.

Also on Wednesday August 10:

Adult Education Committee will be meeting in the Conference Room at 10 am

Worship and Arts Team will meet in the sanctuary at 4:30pm.

Church Council

Coordinating Council will meet on **Tuesday, August 16 at 7 pm** in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

Peace People

Thank You!

➤ From Earl Rosenwinkel: Thank you to all the kind people who have been driving me to St. Luke's and back for my treatments. It has been extremely helpful! Thanks to Denise Perry, Lisa Horner, Beth Bartlett, Marlis Cran, Doug Bowen-Bailey, Cynthia Coffin, and Kirby Wood, with special thanks to Steve Coll for many, many rides!

➤ Thank you from the Hubert family for everyone's kindness and support during the passing of Guy's father Wayne. Special thanks to Pastor Kathy for officiating and to Mary Nienaber for providing such lovely music.

➤ To all who provided special music in July—Tom Wilkowske, Jaslyn Adams, Mary Nienaber, Tim Carpenter, Susan Larson Kidd, Beth Bartlett, Dave and Paul Winchester, Anya and Leslie White, Gudrun Witrak, Cathy Ameal and Jane Aas.

➤ To Justin Olson and Eve Stein for accompanying Kim Sturtz and Pastor Kathy on the Junior High Camping Trip to Fenske Lake. It was a great time, we saw pictographs on Hegman Lake, caught fish, and swam and swam and swam. Thanks also to a great group of kids!

Rhubarb Festival Thank You

The Rhubarb Festival final tallies are in! Because you volunteered your time and energy, the 7th Annual CHUM Rhubarb Festival was a great success! We sold more pies and treats, entertained more children and adults, and served more food than ever before! This year we raised nearly \$34,000! That is \$8,000 more than last year to assist folks who are homeless or living in poverty.

At CHUM, \$8,000 can:

- feed 400 families for a day
- provide a night of shelter for 500 people
- assist 200 people to find housing
- support 75 individuals to find and keep employment
- provide a nurse visit for 350 adults

Community is very important to CHUM. We work each day to provide community for those we serve: folks who often live on the margins of society, folks who struggle daily to reach stability. That is what CHUM is about, working every day to create a just and compassionate community. The Rhubarb Festival is an excellent example of how a community can craft a fun and meaningful event open to all.

Thank you so much for your commitment to CHUM and to the Rhubarb Festival. We couldn't have done it this year without YOU!

Hold in your Prayers

➤ Mary Sue Taallerud, John Pokrzywinski, Aggie, and Fred as they move to Shanghai China to begin a two-year teaching commitment.

➤ Sharon Kirtley living at Chris Jensen Nursing Home.

➤ Tom, Monica, Hannah and Simon Liddle who have been in East Timor as missionaries with our World Board for two years this month. Check out their blog which is linked to our web site, www.peaceucc.org. Hold them in your prayers.

Congratulations

➤ To Marlis Cran on the birth of two great-grandchildren on the same day, June 24!

➤ To Mariah Berner who was invited to be in the Miss Minnesota Teen Scholarship and Recognition Program. She was one of 6 finalists, out of 38 contestants, and was named the second runner-up!

➤ To Ava Rose Anderson, daughter of Marie and Ryan, who was baptized at Peace Church on Wednesday, July 20.

Wedding Congratulations

➤ Sarah Messerer and Erik Kratzner who were married on August 23 at Jay Cooke State Park with Pastor Kathy officiating

➤ Gary Anderson and Gary Boelhower who were married at Peace Church on Saturday, August 30 with Pastor Kathy officiating and lots of Peace members participating. Special thanks to Lisa Horner for creating wedding banners for this occasion.

Sympathy

➤ Kim Squillace on the death of her father.

➤ Guy Hubert on the death of his father, Wayne. Pastor Kathy officiated at a memorial service for him on July 11. Many thanks to Mary Nienaber for playing guitar and singing.

➤ The family of Bruce Wiedemann, son of long-time member, Myrtle. A memorial service was held for him on July 29.

Welcome to the World!

➤ Aiden Jackson, son of Alex and Tanya and brother to Zoe.

➤ Katherine Barlass, daughter of Shelley and sister to Claire, who came home to Duluth from China in July.

Library / Recycling Peace

Peace Church Library Check it out!

New adult books:

Calling the Circle : The First and Future Culture by Christina Baldwin

Declarations of Independence : Cross-examining American Ideology by Howard Zinn

Awakening the Buddha Within : Eight Steps to Enlightenment : Tibetan Wisdom for the Western World by Surya Dos

The New Retirementality : Planning Your Life and Living Your Dreams... At Any Age You Want by Mitch Anthony

Living with Grief : At Work, at School, at Worship by Joyce D Davidson and Kenneth H Doka

Lesbian Couples by D Marilee Clunis and G Dorsey Green

A New Earth : Awakening to Your Life's Purpose by Eckhart Tolle

Reviving Ophelia : Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls by Mary Piper

50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth by Earth Works Group

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

New children's books:

The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth by Joanna Cole

Goodnight, Dewberry Bear by Dori Chaconas

Loudmouth George and the Big Race by Nancy Carlson

The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot

How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R Friedman



Recycling Peace

➤ **Free, used electric mobility chair.** Good condition. Ideal for indoor or outdoor use. You haul away. Call Tim or Cheryl Walsh, 525-4129 between 9am & 6pm.

➤ **Samsung 27" TV,** old style. Free. Works well. Call Mary Martin 720-5894.

➤ **Candle stubs can be recycled** by bringing them to church. Put them in the bin in the Narthex.

August Birthdays

1 Cathy Ameal
2 Parker Adams
Whitney Gagnon
3 Dennis Isernhagen
Brendan Friday

4 Jane Rupel
Ken Wergeland
Robert Sinclair
Jayme Hennen
Axel Aas

5 Bria Langdon-Larson
Mariah Kirsh
Makoto Sudoh
Vickie Barnes

6 Deborah McLeod
7 Tony Watson

8 Amy Larson
9 Tavis Westbrook

Joe Campbell
10 Nathan Hubert
Tyler Stark
Jane Van Slooten

11 Jacob Koski
Bev Zengel

12 Peter Aas
Ian Erickson



12 Dennis Crumb
13 Tim Walsh
Libby Fena
Annie Rupert

14 Courtney Simpson

15 Seiji Sudoh
Colin Westbrook

16 Bill Simpson
Carla Langdon-Larson
Peter Rindal
Peter Aas

19 Penny Cragun

20 Madeline Kvale
Gayle Kelly

21 Katie Robinson
Kyle Elden

Gunnar Aas

22 Ginny Cran
Jackie Fairbanks
Aiden Fitzpatrick

Molly Byrnes
Shawn Feralin

Gaius Sheldon

23 Debra Johnson
Marcus Lovejoy

24 Greg Rupert
Kasey Thoreson

25 Dan Green

Alex Kinney
Shari Marshik

26 Sarah Adams
Robert Stevens

27 Nina Wilkowske
Deb Stricker

Emily Watson
Val Jensen

Emma Ehrhardt
Ty Kruger

28 Kate Thoennes
Barbara Mozingo

Oscar Timm
Mickey MacKenzie

29 Doug Bowen-Bailey
Jaime Benton

Kory Byrnes

30 Teri Benton
Fred Pomroy

Mary Kate Boyle

31 Paul Hlina
Gracey Pearson

Ella Fox
Zaida Devlin

Orin Campbell



CHUM—You Can Make A Difference

The CHUM FOODSHELF is in need of plastic grocery bags. We no longer need egg cartons! Contact Meg Kearns at 720-6570 or megkearns@chumduluth.org.

CHUM Backpack Drive Supplies Needed!

You can either donate a backpack plus the supplies to fill it OR donate the money so that supplies can be purchased.

Backpacks are distributed to two age groups:

Donate \$18.00 OR a K-5 backpack filled with: 3 Wide Ruled Notebooks, 1 box Crayons, 1 Scissors, 2 Glue Sticks, 6 Pencils, 3 Pocket Folders, 1 Box Markers.

Donate \$20.00 OR a 6-12 backpack filled with: 6 Pencils, 3 Pens, College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper, 3-Ring Binder, 3 Pocket Folders, 3 College Ruled Notebooks.

Contact Meg Kearns at 720-6570 or megkearns@chumduluth.org

Duluth Q: What is poverty and what can you do about it?

Film, discussion, and ways to get involved

Join a group of energetic young Duluthians concerned about poverty. Watch a short film answering the "Duluth Question" of what is poverty and what can we do about it. Then stick around for discussion, ways to get involved, and conversation with agencies working on issues of poverty in Duluth.

Event is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided.

Tuesday, August 23, at 7:00 pm

Teatro Zuccone, 222 East Superior Street

(This event is made possible through the CHUM Congregational Initiative Funds.)

Keep CHUM's Produce Shelves Stocked!

CHUM needs tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, carrots and green beans. We will accept produce that is in good shape and not "past its prime". Help Duluth's Community Garden Program and the Produce for the People keep CHUM's produce shelves stocked!

Donations accepted Monday-Friday 9am to 2pm. Downtown at 120 N 1st Ave W. Call 727-2391 with questions.

Volunteers needed at YWCA Young Mother's Program

The Young Mother's Program is located at 411 N 57th Ave. W. It is a supportive housing program for young mothers at risk of homelessness, providing access to weekly life skill and parenting groups, as well as case management services. It is a goal to provide education and support to help participants achieve self sufficiency and provide a life of stability to the children.

Volunteers are needed for 1 hour per week to provide childcare for the children at the on-site childcare center, while the moms participate in a required parenting class. Call Melissa at 624-5451, ext 10, or youngmoms@ywcaduluth.org.

Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers —Open House with Music and Refreshments Thursday, August 4, 3-6pm

Seafarer's Center 2024 W 3rd St.

Where mariners are welcomed to the Twin Ports, provided hospitality, refreshments, recreation, clothing, emergency housing and access to communications. Learn about opportunities for volunteers! At 5pm there will be a ceremony honoring volunteers, supporters and seafarers.

Fabric/Yarn Sale

August 13, 9-3

at Hope United Methodist

Need to reduce your stash? Hope United Methodist Church is having a Fabric/Yarn Sale on Saturday, August 13, from 9am-3pm. Rent a table for \$5 and sell your excess fabric, yarn, notions, sewing machines and books. For questions or applications, please call or email Sue Beeman, 728-2406 or dsbeeman@hotmail.com

***Anyone who would like to sing
the national anthem at a UMD
hockey or basketball event
call Celeste at 726-7176.***

Shape Note Singing (Sacred Harp) Event!

August 7, Sunday, 2-4 p.m. at the
Friends Meeting House
1802 E .1st St.

Come and take part in the joy and fellowship of singing this wonderful old music with its Appalachian feel and spiritual uplift. Beginners welcome - a great opportunity to learn the traditional sight-reading method born in colonial America and sung continuously for over 200 years. For more info, please contact Leslie White at 218-728-9545 .

August Volunteer Schedules

Greeters

- 7 Gary and Karen Sheldon
- 14 Bill DeRoche, Bonnie Kolodge
- 21 Nettie Bothwell, Peggy Skylondz
- 28 Kadlec/Green family

Lay Readers

- 7 John Pegg
- 14 Sarah Jessico
- 21 Anne Skwira-Brown
- 28 Marsha Hystead.

8:30 Communion Bread

- 7 Essie Geiger
- 14 Susan Kehtel
- 21 Steve Coll
- 28 Bob Stevens



Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday, August 14

- 1:30: Jesse Schomberg, Jayme Hennen, Dave and Beverly Cave
- 4:00: Lisa Brown family, Laura Zahn, Pat Sjoding

Monday Meals at Olive Branch (1614 Jefferson)

- 1 Beth Bartlett
- 8 Daina Rosen
- 15 Linda Goese
- 22 J & J Olson
- 29 Robin Davidson

Volunteers Needed for Damiano Soup Kitchen and Monday Meals!

Schedules are being created for the coming year. A big thank you to **Jessica Olson**, who coordinates the Soup Kitchen volunteers, and **Essie Geiger**, who coordinates the Monday Meals. Call the office for more info, or to volunteer to either of these important community ministries.

Nursery

- 7 Karen Sheldon, Kim Landon, Kelly Punyko
- 14 Essie Geiger, Mariah Berner, Carla Larson
- 21 Matt or Patty Johnson, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Annie Rupert
- 28 Deana Notaro or Peter Good, Ali Kruger, Jennifer Jacobs

10:30 Ushers

- 7 Jonie Langdon, Cynthia Coffin, Jen Pearson, Katie Robinson
- 14 Lisa, Ella & Andrea Brown, Katie Robinson
- 21 Gary & Karen Sheldon, Swanoskis
- 28 Marlis Cran, John Moeller, Laurie & Mariah Berner

8:30 Ushers

- 7 Barb Kehtel & Linda Lundberg
- 14 Marge Anderson & Jerry Cleveland
- 21 Dennis & Denise Hamsher
- 28 Bob & Kay Stevens

Coffee Hour Committees

August Coffee Hour

Coordinators:
Mary Martin, 720-5894

Elaine Augustad, 525-5984

August 7

10:30 Communion Set-up: Sarah Nelson

Church picnic: no coffee hour

August 14

Set-up: Nick and Christina Mulozzi
Serve/Clean-up: Julie MacKenzie

August 21

Set-up: Lisa and Nat Brown
Serve/Clean-up: Joe and Kim Campbell, Carl and Pat Sjoding

August 28

Set-up: Lyndsay & Kurt Guidinger
Serve/Clean-up: Cheryl Walsh

Volunteers needed to help with serve/clean-up on August 14 and 28.

Please bring 3 dozen treats on the Sunday that you help out!

THANK YOU to all who help out in this ministry of hospitality!



Coming up — September

Nick Zeitler & Essie Geiger,
728-4483

Katey Fornear, 525-3516

Patty Bambenek, 728-1893

Vickie Barnes 213-3532

Chris And Mary Bode, 392-7730

Sara & Randy Carlson, 728-5424

Phil And Elsie Cook, 393-3136

Krista Giddings & Michael Ehrhardt, 626-7543

Denise & Dennis Hamsher,
729-9198

Todd and Kim Landon, 428-1114

Lynn Lanier, 349-7568

Dennis & Doreen Marciniak,
724-9371

Pat & Angela O'Connell,
525-0578

Cindy & Mark Poirier, 724-7393

Amy & Jeff Samuel, 349-6324

Anne & Kevin Skwira-Brown,
728-3079

Bob & Kay Stevens, 724-4865

Diane & Mike Swanoski,
729-9643

Ryan & Jane Van Slooten,
591-7614

Bill & Molly Watson, 728-4532

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Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



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