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# The Peace Bell

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



Brita Larsen as Mary carries Baby Jesus, played by Aliya Wood Flotten, in our annual Peace Church Christmas Pageant.

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

DVDs of the Christmas Pageant are available in the office for \$10. It will also be on our Website, [www.peaceucc.org](http://www.peaceucc.org).

## Awesome Artist's Cabaret on Saturday, January 29 at 7 PM

*Please tell your friends and family about a great night of entertainment at Peace Church.*

Suggested donation of \$10 (adults).  
Refreshments served

Join us for an evening of wonderful entertainment as Peace members and friends share with us their wide range of talents. Great appetizers by the Food and Fellowship Committee.

*For more Cabaret information, contact Susan Ranfranz,*

## Annual Financial Meeting

Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 am

Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow our 10:30 service on January 23. Please stay as we adopt our 2011 proposed budget. If you have not made a financial pledge for 2011 yet please contact Beth in the office. This will greatly help in our planning at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Council Meeting.

## *Save the Date! February 18-20* Winter Camp at Wolf Ridge

Nine years ago, a group of Peace Church Members went to Camp Hiawatha for our first winter camp experience. For those that were there, we had fun in the snow, lots of good food and, unfortunately, a touch of the flu! Remarkably, we still go!!

We are lucky in Minnesota to have lots of wonderful sites to choose from, and this year we are returning to a favorite, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center near Finland, MN. Winter camp is a wonderful time to relax and get to know some of the other folks from church, while we explore the wonder of the outdoors. At Wolf Ridge, we have time outside with the chickadees, snow shoes and the HIGH ROPES COURSE as well as time for small group activities that help us connect with each other.

We have reserved space for 90 folks, and we usually have no difficulty filling up the space. Accommodations are dorm style (8 bunks/one bath per room) and food is provided by the camp. Cost for this year's camp will be \$100 per person, with scholarships available. It is more than some of the other camps we have been at, but the cost of food is included at Wolf Ridge. If you are interested in attending, but have financial concerns, please contact Cizzarie or Kathy. It is a great time to get away and refresh yourself.



We have quite a few Wolf Ridge veterans among us, so feel free to ask questions. Immediate questions? Ask me, Cizzarie 525-0325.

## From Pastor Kathy Nelson

Have you ever noticed that when you're tired you get a little cranky, a little feisty perhaps. That happened awhile back at a Thursday morning clergy bible study. I gather with a group of clergy each Thursday morning in our fireside room. We drink coffee, talk about you all and finally get around to thinking about the Gospel lesson and what we are going to say about it.

One of the other clergy said about the story of Jesus calling the first disciples, the fisher men, "This is perfect for my congregation, because in fishing you have to be patient. In fishing there is a lot of sitting around waiting. We have to be patient right now." I sat there thinking, whoa, this is not that kind of fishing. There is throwing and hauling, throwing and hauling those big old nets, in tiny skinny boats or from the shore if you couldn't afford a boat. Finally I couldn't stop myself. I went off on how this wasn't sitting in your alumna craft with your 40 horse trolling backward. This discipleship stuff is hauling and pulling and throwing. As Walter Brueggemann, a UCC biblical scholar said, when Jesus called the disciples he didn't say "Come sit down", he said "Come Follow me and I will make you fishers of people"

And those four guys on the beach, they did. I don't know if I could just drop everything and go .

They just go, these guys who throughout most of Mark's gospel don't understand what Jesus is doing or who he is, but here at the beginning they do. And here is where my clergy colleague may be right — there is a bit of patience here, for ultimately this story is not about us, and what we are doing. It is about God. It is about the God made known to us in Jesus. A God who can transform us with good news if we dare to listen, to turn around, which is what repentance is after all – to turn back to our God who is with us all the time.

As Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopalian priest, claims, *"This is a story about God, not the disciples or us, To focus on what the disciples gave up (and whether we could do the same), is "to put the accent on the wrong syllable." This "miracle story," as she calls it, is really about "the power of God—to walk right up to a quartet of fishermen and work a miracle, creating faith where there was no faith, creating disciples where there were none just a moment before. "What we may have lost along the way is a full sense of the power of God to recruit people who have made terrible choices; to invade the most hapless lives and fill them with light; to sneak up on people who are thinking about lunch, not God, and smack them upside the head with glory."* Whether we're ready or not, God acts.

God casts God's net wide and round. We are captured in God's love in so many ways. As one of our confirmands wrote in his recent God paper, "God comes in my life in a few different ways. The art of music, to the beads of water running down my face, to the crispy fall breeze flying through my face are all of my connection to God. These connections might evolve slightly but I know that when it boils down to it, the harder my heart pounds, the more God is there."

God is there. It is God's net, we just help with the throwing and the hauling. It is an exciting time. We have been approached by the Minnesota Conference to be one of four churches to work with Rev. Mike Piazza from the Center for Progressive Renewal. The four are all congregations showing growth that might profit by having access to Mike's knowledge of transformative worship and database development. There could be new tools for the throwing and hauling and loving.

Thank you for all the ways each of you share God's love with the world. I am so grateful to be part of this people of God.

Peace friends ~ Pastor Kathy



Tom and Monica Liddle, our missionaries in East Timor, share their experiences working in the church and clinic, during their recent visit.

## Sundays in January

Worship each Sunday is at 8:30 and 10:30am. Childcare is available during both!

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

### **Sunday, January 2nd** **Second Sunday After Christmas**

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

Sermon: "New Year's Revolutions"  
Paul VanAntwerp preaching.

This morning we will celebrate communion at both our services. Special music at 10:30 by Paul and Dave Winchester.

### **Sunday, January 9 – The Baptism of Christ**

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Sermon: "Possibilities Unfolding"  
Pastor Kathy preaching.

Our Choir and Worship Team will provide our music this Sunday. Today we will also honor Sharon Crosby for all her work on our library.

### **Sunday, January 16th** **Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture: Isaiah 49: 1 – 7 and John 1: 29 - 42

Sermon: "Come and See"  
Pastor Kathy preaching.

We will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr this morning. Music by Leon Rohrbach, Tom Wilkowske and Ron Deters.

### **Sunday, January 23rd** **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture : Matthew 4:12 – 23

Sermon: "Called Together"  
Pastor Kathy preaching.

**Our Annual Financial Meeting will follow our worship service this morning.** Please plan on staying for this very important meeting as we vote to approve our 2011 proposed budget. Copies of the Budget will be available the week before the meeting.

### **Sunday, January 30** **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Sermon: "Blessed Vision"

**Rev. Xavier Bell**, from Circles of Support, a program of Community Action Duluth, will be our guest preacher at both services this day.

## Inquirer's Classes

Wednesdays, January 26 and February 2nd  
6 – 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Come meet others who are new to Peace United Church of Christ and learn more about this congregation and the United Church of Christ. This is an important class for folks who are considering joining the congregation. **We will welcome new members on February 13th during worship.** Let Pastor Kathy know if you are interested in joining.

## Financial Peace University

Preview Class on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Join us over a light lunch to learn more about this important class. Beth and Kevin Kinney will be leading beginning Wednesdays in February. *More info on page 6.*

## Worship and Arts Committee

The worship committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30** in the Conference Room in the church office.

## Musicians Meeting

Anyone interested in helping provide special music for our worship is invited to a meeting on **Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Sir Ben's.** Bring your calendars and your ideas!

## Celebrate Our Church Library!

On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30 worship service we will honor Sharon Crosby for all her work on our church library. She works every Wednesday categorizing and entering new books into our fantastic libraries. We have



*Peace Church Angels, at our Christmas Pageant*

## Adult Enrichment Opportunities

### Between the Worship

*Learning and discussion to help us live our faith*

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

**January 2 – Gary Boelhower will lead a conversation on New Year’s Resolutions.**

*During the rest of January, ONA is offering four adult forums on the topic of marriage equality:*

**January 9 – A History of Marriage and Family.**

Beth Bartlett and Brenda Butterfield, UMD professors who teach courses about marriage and family, will begin the series with an historical and cultural overview of the concepts of marriage and family, and how these constructs have developed and changed over time.

**January 16 – Marriage Equality and Action**

In 2005, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted a resolution, “Equal Marriage Rights for All.” Marry Me Minnesota is a nonprofit organization created to challenge Minnesota laws against the right of same-sex couples to marry. This forum will focus on efforts to actualize the commitment stated in the UCC resolution, with a specific focus on efforts of same-sex couples in Minnesota to challenge the laws prohibiting the right of marriage.

**January 23 – Marriage Equality at Peace Church.**

How are we as a congregation addressing marriage equality? What are some of the experiences that gay and lesbian couples and families have had within the Peace Church community? Gary Boelhower and Gary Anderson, Sandy Moore and Deb Stricker, Julie Flotten and Alison Wood, and Jen Stenersen and Melissa Boyle will share some of their reflections and experiences.

**January 30 – The Legal Status of Marriage Equality in Minnesota**

State Senator Roger Reinert will discuss current and future legislation relating to marriage equality in this state.

*Save the Date:*

### Men’s Retreat, March 4 – 6

For this year’s retreat, we’ll return to “Whippoorwill Hill” and the Isernhagen Cabin (near Gordon, WI) for three days of feast, fellowship, and recreation. It’s Transfiguration Sunday (Matthew 17)—like Peter we’ll declare: “It is good for us to be here” and in the midst of our celebration, we’ll explore how we too “build dwellings for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus”. Cost is roughly \$50 per person for the weekend—adjusted for part-time visitors. Scholarships and rides are available. Dietary needs and special assistance accommodated. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Paul.

### “Bring it to the Table”

*Conversations on Faith for Men*

Monday evenings at 6:30

There is a shortage of time and space in our culture for men to gather in conversation of substance. Join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Fireside Room to share thoughts on living as men of faith and spirit.

### “Tuesday Books”

*Read, Explore, and Share*

Two great books for this season! Our discussion of **Marcus Borg’s *The Heart of Christianity*** is off to a great start! We meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Also, we’ll explore **Wayne Mueller’s: *Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest*** on the First and Third Tuesdays. Interested? Contact Paul.

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### “And on the Seventh Day”

**Sabbath Discussion Group**

Third Thursdays, 6:30, Fireside Room

Join us each month as we share our experiences in finding time for Holy peace and rest in our everyday lives. Questions? Contact Jane Rupel.

### Women’s Brown Bag Bible Study

Wednesday January 26th at noon

Benedictine Health Center—3rd Floor Lounge

Facilitated by Cheryl Walsh.

Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert are provided. This is a time of fellowship, sharing our stories, studying various topics, and supporting one another.

All women are welcome. Please join us!!

### TEAM & COMMITTEE NIGHT

Most committees & teams will meet on Wednesday, **January 12**, Dinner is served from 5:30 until 6 with meetings beginning at 6 pm.

### COORDINATING COUNCIL

Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, **January 18 at 7pm** in the Conference Room. This is a crucial meeting as we finalize the 2011 Budget.

## Activities and Opportunities

### Intergenerational Events

*Lots of great things planned to help our Peace Church Family kick off the new year! If you have questions about any of these events, contact Paul. Note: If you'd like to help plan events like these, or know of other great ideas, let us know!*

#### **Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally**

**January 17th, 10:30 – 2:00** Meet in the Narthex at 10:30 to carpool. We'll drive over to Washington Square and join our community march down to the DECC for the rally. *Bring a sack lunch or snack.*

#### **Tubing! ("Tubbing?") at Mont du Lac**

**January 19th** <note: time pending> Meet in the Narthex at 6pm (?). We'll carpool to Mont du Lac and enjoy an evening of snow tubing! Cost is \$10/person (scholarships available). For ages 7 and over.

#### **Sleigh Ride and Snacks at Countryside Rides!**

**January 30th, 1pm.** Meet us after worship for a winter frolic up at Countryside Rides. *4888 Lismore Rd. – head north on Rice Lake Road, approx. 8.5 miles north of Arrowhead. Right on Lismore to the end of the road.* The horses will glide us through the snowy trails, then we'll gather in the warming house afterward for hot cider, cocoa, and a "snack potluck" (bring your favorite winter snack to share!). Hopefully, we'll also get to meet the horses up close again! A donation of \$8/person is appreciated, but nobody will be turned away!

### **Come Help Make Pancakes at CHUM!**

**January 12 & 26**

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!

### **Men's Breakfast—January 6 & 20**

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

### **Winter Camping Trip to BWCA: February 4th -6th.**



Interested in exploring the winter wonders of the Boundary Waters? It's not for everyone, but if it piques your interest, send a note to Paul. (Note: heated tents will be supplied and additional equipment available as needed.)

### **Just Food Group invites you to share Food, Video and Fellowship January 21st — 7-9pm**

Participants of Peace Church's recently completed "Menu for the Future" study course are eager to share their thoughts and engage our community in a broader discussion about where our food comes from, what it means for the health of us and our kids, and how it affects the sustainability of our society. The discussion of food, faith and fellowship has brought together a variety of interests, and energy for exploration. We think sustainable food may be a key factor in the transition of our congregation and community to a leaner, healthier and happier society. To explore this idea, we have organized a winter movie night.

"My Father's Garden" is an engrossing, emotionally charged documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm. In less than fifty years the face of agriculture has been utterly transformed by synthetic chemicals, whose power to control the forces of nature is rivaled only by that of the atom bomb. These chemicals have also changed the farmers who have used them. This film tells the story of two such lives, different in all details, yet united by their common goal of producing good food.

Please join us in watching "My Father's Garden" and enjoying locally-grown snacks and appetizers and great discussion with others from Peace Church. Join us in the fireside room from 7 to 9pm at Peace Church. We thank Warren and Beth Post for checking into a variety of timely food videos. Kid care provided! For more info, contact Jesse at 525-0325.

### **PALS**

#### **"Peace Adults Learning and Socializing" Thursday, January 27**

**The January gathering will be at the home of Joan and Al Peterson on Thursday, January 27.** They have invited Jim Heffernan, former columnist for the Duluth News Tribune, to speak to us. Details will follow after the new year arrives.

February 24th we will meet at the Isernhagen home where the Goeses will talk about their journey to Malaysia and Australia.

On March 31 we will meet at the Devlin home where a wine connoisseur colleague of Lynn's will teach us how to select good but inexpensive wines.

**All adults welcome even if you can join us just once or twice during the year!**

Please contact [office@peaceucc.org](mailto:office@peaceucc.org) or call the church at 724-3637 to be added to the email list.

# Wednesday Activities

## Wednesday Schedule

**5-5:30: Kids Choir** 5:30-6: **Dinner** in Fellowship Hall

**6-7: Faith Weavers** in the Mindanao Room,  
**Peace Puppets** in the Lakeview Classroom,  
**Bible Study** in the Fireside Room

*Inquirers Class on January 26*

(Committees and Teams meet on January 12 at 6pm)

**6:15: Adult Choir**

**6:30-8: Youth Group** (Youth Room)  
and Confirmation (Fellowship Hall or Chapel)

*2011 Wednesday Activities begin on January 5!*

## Financial Peace University Starts February 2, Wednesdays 6 – 7:30

Beth and Kevin Kinney of our congregation, have graciously offered to facilitate a class based on the work of David Ramsey, "The Total Money Makeover". This 13 week class, on DVD and in person, will cover how to begin paying down your debt and be better stewards of God's gracious gifts to each of us.

This class is for everyone, no matter how little or how much you earn. Beth and Kevin will share their journey with money, and how Financial Peace works in their lives. Cost is \$100 per family, which covers the price of materials. There are scholarships available. Classes will run February through April on Wednesday evenings, from 6-7:30. Free childcare.

## First Year Confirmation – 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

Meets the First and Third Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm

**Wednesday, January 5** – The Gospel of Mark, chapters 1 and 2

**Wednesday, January 19** – The Gospel of Mark, chapters 3 and 4

**Wednesday, February 2** – The Gospel of Mark, chapters 5 and 6

## Second Year Confirmation – 10<sup>th</sup> Graders

Meets the Second and Fourth Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 pm

**Wednesday, January 12** – Discussion on the Holy Spirit – Wind, Fire and Breath

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**Wednesday, January 26** – Jesus papers due; Discussion on the Early Church, People of the Way

**Wednesday, February 9** – Discussion about The United Church of Christ

**Wednesday, February 23** – No Class Due to the Spring

## Faith Weavers!

If you are between the ages of Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, this is a special program just for you to learn more about God and have fun too! From **6:00-7:00 every Wednesday night**, Sarah Nelson, assisted by Carla Larson, will be helping you learn more about God through skits, crafts, stories, and games! For more information please contact Children's Minister: Kim Sturtz

**Adult Volunteer helpers are needed!**  
**Let Kim know if you can help.**

## Peace Puppets

4th & 5th Graders

6-7pm Wednesdays

Peace Puppets have been working hard practicing for our shows. For the next month we will be taking a break from all that practicing and doing lots of fun things like impromptu shows and making puppets. It's a great time to join us!



We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Lakeview classroom. Come, have fun, and learn how to put on a show for our church family and for community events!

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Fireside Room

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.

## Children's Choir—begins Jan. 5

All children age 3 - grade 5 are invited to join us for choir practice in the music on Wednesdays from 5 -5:30. Kim Sturtz and Jim Pospisil will be leading the group.

## Youth and Parents

### Jr/Sr High YOUTH GROUP

6th-12th graders

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

#### January 5th: **“Epiphany Party”**

As is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: “Arise! Shine! For your light has come and it’s time to have a party” (well, something like that)- in any event, it’s time for a “Piph Party!”.

#### January 12th: **“MLK”**

Good man, good story. Let’s get to know him better, and prepare to “Walk our Talk” on the 17th.

#### January 17th (Monday):

##### **“Walking our Talk: Annual MLK March”**

Intergenerational Event #1: Martin Luther King Jr. March. Youth members STRONGLY encouraged to attend. See details on page 14.

#### January 19th:

##### **“TUBBING!! (?)” NOTE: EARLY MEETING TIME**

Intergenerational Event #2: Tubing at Mont Du Lac! (or, as we call it in PCYG “Tubbing”). See details on pg: 5. (*note: time still pending*)

#### January 26th: **“Kim’s Pick of the Month”**

Could be a video, a game, a dance, a song, or something else she’d really like to share with you. Show up to find out!

#### January 30th (Sunday) **“Horsing Around”**

Intergenerational Event #3: Sleigh Ride at Countryside Rides! (See details on page 5)

### Hey Parents.

Just a reminder that a group of parents gather every Wednesday to share conversation about life as a parent of teenagers. Meet at the couches in the Narthex at 6:30. It’s hard work. Nobody should do it alone.

~Paul

### Hey Youth Group!

Exciting month ahead! A “party for the piph”, a march down the Hillside, a *slide* down a hillside, a chance to get dragged along by giant horses... great ways to start the new year!

~Paul

### Hey Senior High!

Ok, you’re all busy and I can’t figure out your schedules so we can plan around them, so...one date, one time, and two words: **January 9th, 11:45, “Quarterly Disorderly”**. I’m taking requests for lunch. We’ll gather in the Music Room and brainstorm for the next three months. **BRING YOUR CALENDARS! And graduating seniors: you’re invited to the “Reunion of the College-folk (Piph-Party!)” at my house on the eve of January 6th.** Check email, phone, and facebook for more details on both events.

~Paul

### Hey Middle School

Thanks so much for a great 2010!! We’ve learned a lot together! We are going to be doing some pretty cool things in January! I’ll be gone for a couple weeks but Pastor Paul will be there! Activities include Martin Luther King, Jr., Tubbing, and making another meal for the CHUM drop-in center! Hope you can make it!

~ Kim

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“Middle School at Mount Royal” Gather with Paul and other Peace Middle Schoolers on Thursdays at 3pm.

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### Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders

We will be offering the **Our Whole Lives (OWL's) program** for our 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade students again this year. The OWL's program provides a comprehensive and age appropriate discussion about all aspects of sexual development and sexuality as a positive part of healthy relationships. It provides an opportunity for youth to get accurate and complete information about issues related to sex and sexuality, as well as an opportunity to explore their own values, build interpersonal skills and begin to understand the three R's of sexuality; respect, responsibility and relationship.

The class is taught by Cizzarie Schomberg and Kevin Skwira-Brown and will be held on **Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 for eight weeks. We plan on starting the class on February 2 and going through March 30<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a child in this age group please look for further information about the class and mandatory parent meeting in mail. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact either Cizzarie (525-0325) or Kevin (728-3079) or check out the web site at [www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives](http://www.ucc.org/justice/sexuality-education/our-whole-lives).

### Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Please be watching for a letter regarding the OWLs course that is being offered again this year for our 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade youth. The **Our Whole Lives (OWLs)** curriculum is a comprehensive sexuality education program that was developed to not only give complete and accurate information about sexuality, but also to allow for discussion about personal values, decision making, relationships and spirituality. It is an excellent opportunity for our kids to get accurate information as well as a place to ask questions and begin to understand sexuality as an important part of who God has made us to be.

There is a lot of information to be covered, but we understand that many of our families are very busy, so we plan on three weekend sessions (Friday night and Sunday) so we can include as many folks as possible. As part of the OWLs program, parents are required to attend an orientation session to become familiar with the topics we cover and ask questions they may have. We are planning have our first class in January, so please look for a letter with more information in the next couple of weeks. If you have questions please feel free to call either Cizzarie Schomberg (525-0325) or Kevin Skwira-Brown (728-3079).

### Middle Schoolers—We're going to Camp!

This summer we are going to "GET TO THE POINT!" Along with the Wayzata Community Church we are going to go to Pilgrim Point Camp in Alexandria, MN, the week of June 18-23, 2011. This is a beautiful and exciting place for all of you to learn more about God. Kim will be going along too to partake in the fun! If you are interested registration is coming up soon. Cost will be \$459 if we register early. Scholarships will be available to those who need them. Camp is a beautiful thing, so start talking about it with your parents and friends!

### Youth Urban Immersion Trip — June 19 - 25

with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches  
(for 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and chaperones)

Cost \$300 with scholarships available. We will stay in Minneapolis at a Retreat Center on Chicago and Lake Street.

The retreat features interactive exercises about the survival choices homeless and working-poor families must make each month. Pay the heating bill or feed the kids? Forgo health insurance to pay the rent and pray no one gets sick? Participants also learn what roles self-worth, chemical dependency, racism, the economy and domestic violence play in poverty and what is being done to break the cycle. We are challenged to reflect on what we, as people of faith, can do. We will also volunteer in Twin Cities homeless shelters, domestic violence centers, food shelves and affordable housing projects. Finally, the retreat encourages volunteers to apply what they have learned and set tangible goals to affect poverty back home in our communities.

### Intergenerational Trip to Back Bay Mission

August 27 - September 4<sup>th</sup> in Biloxi, Mississippi

Cost \$400 with scholarships available .

We will take a Coach Bus down to Biloxi and then stay at the new Back Bay Mission volunteer housing. Anyone from the congregation age 14 and up is welcome to come! Folks with construction skills are especially encouraged.

The Work Camp program is one of Back Bay Mission's trademarks within the United Church of Christ. Back Bay Mission has developed a highly successful style of work camping based on experiential learning. While the "work" in work camping has become more intense and the term "housing recovery" more appropriate since Hurricane Katrina, BBM's model of work camping is more in demand than ever. It places equal emphasis on productivity (home rehabilitation or construction) and learning, using an action-reflection model. This powerful method helps people internalize their learning at the same time they build cohesive caring groups.

The program has grown to hosting 40 teams as the Mission, along with many other organizations, responds to the overwhelming need for housing restoration. Work teams perform a wide range of tasks – from mold abatement to roofing to installing dry wall to electrical and plumbing work. When a Mission selects a home to restore, it commits to completing the project. The effort frequently requires many weeks' work by several different work teams. Grants from the cities of Biloxi and Gulfport for home restoration have helped the Mission give back houses to homeowners who lack the financial resources to complete the projects on their own.

## Kim's Column / Church School News

*Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.* ~Henry Ward Beecher

There is a very kind and magical thing that happens here in this church, which makes me feel glad. It is the many hands that come together to help with different activities. I personally feel great gratitude for the people who've helped me at different events such as the UNICEF Carnival, but more so recently with the Christmas Pageant.

The Pageant is a huge undertaking and I started looking for ideas in August (yes August). Slowly we pulled in helpers here and there and also our Sunday School Teachers. Everything comes together so eloquently it's almost amazing to think that we've pulled it off. After the Pageant I had many people telling me great job on the Pageant, but I felt it wasn't me that should be thanked but the amazing helpers that we had over the course of pageant planning and the great actors from the Sunday School classes.

John Pokrzywinski adapted our play to Peace Church and put in so many cute one-liners, everyone should know that wasn't my creativity coming through, but his. He was also super influential with our staging and was the kids' acting coach. He helped them understand that there would be laughs, and to pause to allow the humor to flow.

Holly Bowen-Bailey is my pageant partner, and helped out with outfit ideas, props, and also casting

for roles. She has been here longer than I have and knows the older kids a little better than me. As her alter-ego, Holly Hollywood, she also knows a thing or too about acting and getting the kids excited!

Jen Hudyma has been the costume coordinator for the last couple years and does such a great job at getting the kids looking like their parts every time. If you are wondering where those cute wiseman hats were created, it was the 3rd graders and Jen who creatively put them together.

Doug Bowen-Bailey and Rolf Hagberg have been taking photos and filming the pageant for years, making the memories of the pageants last forever. We are truly grateful for their help!

Jim Pospisil played all the songs so awesomely, and helped the innkeepers get their fun song about Christmas chores down pat! So thankful for the extra time he spent helping us learn our songs too!

Lastly I want to thank all the parents and helpers that were there on the Pageant Saturday Practice. We had about 25 parents that helped with the food in the kitchen, crafts, and costumes. It would have been chaotic and crazy without your help!

I am truly thankful for all the wonderful people here at Peace Church! What a wonderful place to see God's work in our hands! Thanks again for all your thoughtful help and kindness!

Kim Sturtz –Children's Minister

### Church School News

**January 2nd:**

**No church school**

There will be an Epiphany Party during the 9:30 hour-!

**January 9th:**

**Church School Starts Again!**

**VBS Date is July 25-29!**

We are moving up VBS one week so as not to interfere with August fall sports beginning and last minute vacations.

**Mark your Calendars for July 25-29th.**

**Recycling Peace**

2 cats needing a good home—  
call Nettie Bothwell, 940-2733.



### Christmas Pageant Videos for sale!

You can own Peace Church's very own production of *Away From the Manger*, for only \$10. Much thanks to Doug Bowen-Bailey for his editing and production of this video. Please call or email the office if you would like to order a copy. Also the video should be on our website soon!

The December meeting of the Coordinating Council was primarily spent working through the budget for 2011. Although we won't know exactly how we will end 2010 financially for a few more weeks, it appears we are in better shape than we were at this time last year. We are hopeful that we will end 2010 without a deficit as was the case last year.

As we make our budget decisions for 2011, it is extremely important to have a clear picture of what we can realistically expect for income, which is why it is so important for all of us to turn in our pledge cards. Many thanks to those who turned in pledges for 2011. For those yet to turn them in, there is still time. You may either turn in a pledge card or call the church office to let one of our staff know so we can include your pledge in our expected income. Our annual meeting to approve the budget will be on January 23 at 11:30 right after the service. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Mike Swanoski, Moderator

## Stewardship Drive Update

*"Where your Heart is..."*

Thanks to all who have returned their financial pledges for 2011. We are grateful for everyone's support of this congregation and the journey we are on together. To date we have 173 pledges totaling \$296,500.

We need about \$53,000 more in pledges to make our 2011 budget. Let us know if you can help us stretch to meet this goal. **Are you able to add to your pledge?** Or if you haven't sent your pledge, please turn it in as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available at the church, or you can speak with Beth Chelseth our bookkeeper.

**Pledges are currently behind \$8,500 for 2010—if you are able to catch up on your 2010 giving it will help us end the year in better shape!** The end of the year approaches rapidly.

In order to meet IRS regulations, please remember that all contributions you wish credited to your account in 2010 must be dated on or before December 31. If mailed, they must be postmarked on or before the 31st. If brought to church, they must arrive before the offering of 1/2/2011 is counted and deposited. This happens right after the second service.

Any check dated after 12/31 or arriving after 1/2/2011 (unless mailed and postmarked by 12/31) will be credited to your 2011 account and would not be usable as a tax deduction until 2011 taxes are filed.

## Check it out!

Thanks to everyone who has donated books to the library! If you drop off donated books, please put a note on them so we know they are a donation.

### New adult books:

*The Wedding* : A Novel by Dorothy West

*The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran

*Under the Banner of Heaven : A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer

*The Five Love Languages : How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate* by Gary Chapman

*Coming Out as Sacrament* by Chris Glaser

*We Drink from Our Own Wells* by Gustavo Gutierrez

*Beyond Belief : The Secret Gospel of Thomas* by Elaine Pagels

*God's Politics : Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* by Jim Wallis

*A Joyful Theology : Creation, Commitment and an Awesome God* by Sara Maitland

*Preaching Proverbs : Wisdom for the Pulpit* by Alyce M McKenzie

### New children's books:

*R and R: A Story about Two Alphabets* by Christopher Raschka

*Animal Alphabet Book* by Gillian Dorfman

*New Dawn on Rocky Ridge* by Roger Lea MacBride

*There's a Nightmare in My Closet* by Mercer Mayer

*Circus* by Colin McNaughton



## Save these 2011 dates!

**February 18-20 – Winter Camp Weekend** at Wolf Ridge. Everyone welcome! Let Pastor Kathy or Ciz-zarie Schomberg know if you are interested in helping with the planning of this great weekend.

**March 4-6 – Men's Retreat** – See page 5.

**April 29-30 – Women's Retreat** at Caribou Highlands in Lutsen. We will begin with supper on Friday night and end after lunch Saturday. There will be a Saturday night option for those wishing to stay an extra night. Let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help with the planning or have ideas for themes or focus. Cost is \$45 per night.

**June 18-23— Middle School Camp at Pilgrim Point**

**June 19-25 – Youth Urban Immersion Work Camp** in Minneapolis (see page 8)

**July 25-29 – VBS** (Note: a week earlier than usual.)

**August 27-September 4 – Intergenerational Work Camp to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi MS.** (More info on page 8)

Happy New Year! Quick—what was last year's resolution? Get more exercise? Eat better? Quit smoking? Stop being so... (*insert as needed: anxious, crabby, lazy, self-centered...*)? Now, how about the year before? Try this: take a sheet of paper and make a list your last ten New Year's Resolutions.

Not easy, is it? Hard to believe we once held them as mandates from our better selves, we etched them into granite, and resolved to adhere to them in obedience like commandments. As New Year's Resolutions go, our energy tends to turn inward, toward self-improvement. Our greatest coach toward success is that same person in the mirror that found it so natural to fall into faults and follies in the first place. In such solitary ventures, it is no wonder we look back and see those resolutions laid to rest. When left to our own devices, we find those granite tablets upon which we etched our best intentions resting on the winter ground like gravestones.

Perhaps it's time to pick them up again, and carry them into another setting. Perhaps our resolutions, like our commandments, should be considered in the context of how they are lived *in relationship* with those that share our community.

So I'm recommending a new angle to the self-involved, oft-guilt-inducing tradition. Try this: Wake up each morning and say these words: "*Arise, shine; for your light has come...*"

Go ahead, roll your eyes at me... tell me "there will be no 'shining' until my morning cup of coffee", tell me "if I woke up every morning and shouted those words, within a week my partner would be pelting me with morning pillows", but those words from Isaiah—words we proclaim as we celebrate Epiphany in this new year—provide for us a unique certainty to the best of our New Year's intentions. We heard the Christmas story last month... the baby is born... we are thankful, but Epiphany is the big moment when God gives us the blunt Glory-slap upside of the head and says "it's not about *best intentions* anymore... listen! '*The Best*' is now here!"

*"Arise, shine; for your light has come"*

And that epiphany, that realization that "the best" is now with us, is woven into all we do as a community of faith here at Peace. I often recommend to new members exploring how to make this church a part of their lives, that they sit down with a copy of our latest Peace Bell, a highlighter, and their daily calendar. That as they read, they do so with consideration of their own values and ideals for a life in religious community, highlight each and every thing in the newsletter that feels like it matches "the best" of their faith, then pencil it into their calendar. Chances are, there are way more opportunities of interest than any family could manage in their lives, yet it helps provide the big picture of the many ways we're living *into* the Epiphany—the many ways we're led by "the best" into being our best.

Friends, we don't do this alone. Bring your "best intentions" to a community where we know, thank God, that "the best" is already with us. Resolve, each and every day, to welcome the ongoing epiphany anew, with wonder.

~ Paul VanAntwerp, Associate Pastor

## Open and Affirming Team

ONA Adult Forums (Between the Worship)

### MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Marriage is one of the basic structures of our lives and our culture. It is a right based on love and commitment, one that has been legally denied to same sex couples. The lack of the legal privilege of marriage puts same sex families at risk. It has major implications in terms of health care, social services, and legal rights. As a faith community, we affirm that **all** families deserve the right and privilege of marriage.

During the month of January, ONA is offering four adult forums on the topic of marriage equality:

**January 9: A History of Marriage and Family.**

**January 16: Marriage Equality and Action**

**January 23: Marriage Equality at Peace Church.**

**January 30: The Legal Status of Marriage Equality in Minnesota.**

PLEASE SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4

## Dismantling Racism Team

"Monarch and Mexican Migration: Global Citizens Meet their Neighbors"

Mondays at 7pm, starting February 7

An exciting two month series on Immigration Reform will begin on Monday, February 7th, 7 pm at Peace Church. "Monarch and Mexican Migration: Global Citizens Meet their Neighbors" presented by Kristin Stuchis and Michael Gabler, Marshall School Spanish and Science teachers. They traveled to the Monarch butterfly wintering grounds in the mountains of central Mexico in February 2010. They experienced the wonders of Monarch migration; heard migration stories of the Mexican people; and connected the dots between globalization and the migration of butterflies and people. A fascinating story!

## Just Peace Committee

Movie Night—Sunday Jan. 23 at 7pm

The January Peace and Justice Movie Night offering will be "Jesus Camp", a documentary film that provides a chilling look at a Pentecostal Bible Camp.

## Peace People

### Thank You!

- To Jim and Cindy McLean for getting the tree for our sanctuary and for decorating it so beautifully.
- To Marian Jensen for creating the beautiful wreath for our entry way and to all those who helped to decorate our church during the Advent Workshop
- To everyone who donated something for our Giving Tree. We were able to give over 60 gifts to the youth of Life House and lots of gifts also to Loaves and Fishes
- To everyone who made cookies for the annual Christmas Party for the inmates of the County Jail. They loved them. Thanks to Steve Horner, Peter Provost and Jonie Langdon for working with Pastor Kathy on the Christmas Service for the St. Louis County Jail.
- To the choir, Jim Pospisil, Wendy Olson and our musicians for a wonderful Christmas Cantata.
- To our choir and brass and youth musicians for wonderful Christmas Eve Worship Services. Thanks to the Hanka's, Rachel Peterson, Megan Rudd, Sophie Wilkowske, Cathy Ameel, Paul Winchester, Ella Fox, Maddy and Tim Carpenter, Mary Nienaber, Kirby Wood, and others.
- To Cindy McLean and all her puppeteers for our Christmas Eve puppet show.
- To Dick and Linda Goese and all who helped them for making delicious appetizers for our staff Christmas Party.
- From Nettleton kids: "We just want to say a big thank you to Peace for providing the space for the Silent Auction and Supper. We had a great turn out and raised \$3,000 for the Nettleton fifth graders to attend Deep Portage Environmental Learning Center. In addition to Nettleton families, there were a lot of Peace church folks there. Thank you!"
- *Addition to last month's thank you for work done at CHUM:* Thanks also to Ed and Max Proetz for helping at CHUM when the sidewalk was replaced. Ed worked all day on the project and Max bought the crew lunch.
- From Loaves and Fishes, with gratitude and hope: "We are very grateful for the abundance of delicious pies you all provided for our Christmas party. The outpouring of community support made it a festive celebration, especially for the children on the margins. Some people also were appreciative of taking home leftovers."
- From Nettie Bothwell: "Thanks to the Sunday School kids for the cookies. They were delicious!"
- From Jerry and Grace Springsteele: "Hi Kids, We thank you so much for the cookies you baked. They sure are good and so pretty too. We appreciate it so much."
- From Virginia Nelson, to the youth of Peace Church: "Thank you very much for the delicious cookies and the unique Christmas card. I love it!"
- To Cindy Macaulay, Shawn Feralin and Judy Gibbs for Christmas Eve office help—lots of bulletins to fold!

### Hold in your Prayers

- Nettie Bothwell recovering from a broken femur.
- Zach Graves who was deployed at Christmas time to serve in Oman as a firefighter. He will be gone 4 to 5 months. Also remember his wife Anne and son Chase.
- Tom, Monica, Hannah and Simon Liddle who soon return to East Timor to continue their important work there at the Immanuel Clinic and Church. We were so blessed to have them with us in December.
- Bill DeRoche dealing with compression fractures in his neck.
- Bill Hardesty, dealing with low hemoglobin.
- Kathy Tate—for peace and healing as she deals with metastatic cancer.
- Cynthia Coffin and Jonie Langdon—their home was broken into on Christmas. TV, computers and Christmas gifts were stolen.

### Sympathy

To the family of Sidney Rasche Lang, who died in December at the age of 81. She was the daughter of former Peace Church pastor, Rev. Walter Rasche. Memorials can be sent to People, Inc., 317 York Ave., St. Paul MN 55130

### Congratulations

- Sheryl and Jim Filby Williams on the birth of their daughter Reija on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Chase Graves, son of Anne and Zach who was baptized on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### To Peace Church From Robbinsdale United Church of Christ:

"Each week we pray for one of our partner congregations as they spread light, plant seeds, follow the spirit, sing hymns and spiritual songs, serve Christ, and worship God. We, the members of Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, lift up in prayer your ministry and members. May your ministry experience the Advent of hope and



*Burning the Yule log on Solstice.  
There was a great turnout for our annual time  
of watching the fire, and watching Northern Exposure!*

## Christmas Prayer and Greetings from our Philippine Partners

Most gracious and loving god, come, we pray, as Christ came with healing and peace. We come before you as a people, humbling ourselves as we give our gratitude for the gift that Christ brought for the world.

As we remember Christ's birth, we groan

*for the degradation of your people,  
for mountains, watersheds, forests and seas destroyed to pave the way for  
foreign mining corporations;  
for families and communities forced to evacuate and live in fear because  
of militarization and war;  
for children abused and violated by people with whom they gave their trust;  
for young people who live irresponsibly;  
for promises unkept and betrayed by those whom we chose and elected  
to office;  
for relationships broken within the family and community.*

But we have received your grace

*you have kept us in the palm of your hands  
you have given us each other  
you have taken away our mourning  
you have put a song in our lips  
you have given us your son to redeem us from our sinfulness  
to show us the way to a full life.*

God our savior, open our hearts to receive your great love and mercy. Amen.

~ Pastor Annabelle Azarcon Uriarte, Program Worker, UCCP,  
Surigao District Conference

*Dear Friends and Partners in  
Christ,*

*Christmas greetings to all of  
you. . . We hope that each  
one and each church will fo-  
cus on the birth of Jesus  
rather than the trimmings.  
Thanks so much for the ad-  
vent prayers; we are using  
them in our local churches; we  
have translated some to the  
dialect so that even the non-  
English speaking churches  
can use them.*

*We look forward to the new  
year with more determination  
to be faithful to the impera-  
tives of our faith as we discern  
and obey God's will in these  
critical times. . . We look for-  
ward to 2011 with greater re-  
solve to give glory to our God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sus-  
tainer as we serve God's people.*

*Shalom, Rev. Juanita D.  
Paniamogan, Conference  
Minister*

## January Birthdays

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



10 Phyllis Cook  
11 John Ameel  
Barb Forrest  
12 Mike Hatlestad  
Judy Hlina  
Emily Youngstrand  
Zoe Simpson  
Hannah Feyen  
Connor Feyen  
13 Patty Bambenek  
Holly Jorde  
14 Bob Simpson  
15 Bill Pomroy  
Lisa Pomroy  
Any White  
Dylan Studden  
18 Andy McLean  
19 David Goltz  
Lauren Christensen  
20 Chris Finch  
Judy Seliga-Punyko  
Todd Lind



21 Margaret Paulson  
Scott Studden  
22 Matthew Morris  
Christa Knudsen  
23 Bill Kohlts  
Brennen Larson  
Allison Dargon  
24 Jerome Springsteele  
Cynthia Poirier  
25 Evan Poirier  
Kiana Langdon-Larson  
Jack Kelly  
26 Sandy Moore  
Karen Sheldon  
27 Clara Calgren  
29 Melissa Boyle  
30 Cizzarie Schomberg  
31 Michael Proetz  
David Arvold  
Miles Rohrbaugh



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## COMMUNITY, CHUM

### Greetings from the UMD campus ministers!

We have had a very busy fall semester and I say "we" because with your continued support we have been able to hire a second very part-time campus minister and do more good work.

During welcome week, we presented three workshops for incoming freshman entitled "Opening Our Hearts, Affirming Our Faith." We had lively discussion among the diverse groups of students that attended.

Along with the Council of Religious Advisers, we again hosted the world's largest ice cream social and served 250 students. Next year we plan on 400!

We have started an ecumenical weekly worship service called "Connect" on Wednesday nights. On December 15th, we had a carol sing and cookie decorating evening before the students went on break. For Thanksgiving, we joined with seven other faith traditions and hosted a traditional Thanksgiving meal for over 100 international students. The smiles that evening were contagious.

We have been meeting weekly since July to plan our sixth service trip to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild from Hurricane Katrina. Last year we took over 80 students for a week to do incredible work and there is great interest in the trip again this year. To learn more about our ministry on campus, feel free to call Terese Tomanek (390-8127) or Cynthia Coffin (260-3114). If there are activities at your church you would like students to know about, please let us know and we will get the word out.



### Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Events

#### January 15

Happy Birthday Dr. King!  
Rejoice, Reclaim, Renew Community  
Featuring Readings from Dr. King by  
Central/Denfeld students,  
Reflections from Dr. Mahmoud El-Kati  
and Music from *Voices of Vision*  
with Minister Gabe Green  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
Duluth - 835 College St.  
Soup, Bread, and Birthday Cake Served at 6 PM  
Program starts at 6:30 PM

#### January 16

Ecumenical Worship Service  
St. Mark AME - 530 N. 5th Ave East -  
4:00 PM

#### January 17

Free Community Breakfast  
First United Methodist Church -  
230 E. Skyline Parkway - 7 AM

**Featured Speaker: Cory Booker,**  
*Mayor of Newark, NJ*

March (11am) and Rally (11:45am)  
March starts from Washington Center at 11 AM



### Skijoring Race—the Jeehaw Jaunt

January 23rd at Boulder Lake

*Skijoring race for beginners through pro.*

*We also need volunteers.*

For more information contact Eve Stein at  
[evestein@gmail.com](mailto:evestein@gmail.com)

### Needs at CHUM

#### **Items for those who are homeless:**

Day planners ~ Portfolios with dividers for personal papers ~ Rain gear ~ Contributions for the CHUM Fund to help with co-pays/medication costs ~ alarm clocks.

#### **Items for homeless children:**

Kid sized Play kitchen ~ Disposable baby diapers (2 and up) ~ Baby wipes ~ Baby Hygiene products, soap, shampoo, lotion ~ Boys and Girls socks and underwear from 3T through size 8.



# January Volunteer Schedules

## Acolyte Schedule

- January 2 – No acolytes, no church school  
January 9 – Ahna Webster, Eli Beech-Brown  
January 16 – Elena Davidson, Aiden Erickson  
January 23 – Coulter Holden, Gabriella Johnson  
January 30 – Brennen Larson, Katrina Lindgren

## Greeters

- 2 Montgomerys  
9 Heidi Severson, Essie Geiger  
16 Bill & Lisa Pomroy  
23 Laurie & Mariah Berner  
30 Kim & Lee Kruger

## Lay Readers

- 2 Diane Swanoski  
9 Cindy Macaulay  
16 Jonie Langdon  
23 Gary Boelhower  
30 Doug Bowen-Bailey

## 8:30 Communion Bread



- 2 Susan Goltz  
9 Beth Bartlett  
16 Jerry Cleveland  
23 Terese Tomanek  
30 Janell Kohls

## Damiano Soup Kitchen

Sunday December 12

- 1:30: Jeanie Peterson family, Diane Swanoski, Dennis or Denise Hamsher  
4:00: Cindy Poirer family, Betty Greene, Kathy Dowell

## Wednesday Dinner Help

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!**

## Nursery

- 2 Patty Beech, Kristina Green, Aaron Molina  
9 Ellie Hoffman, Sarah Nelson, Tavis/Amy Westbrook  
16 Susan Kehtel/Amy Galarowicz, Sylvie Bowen-Bailey, Laretta Shrake  
23 Andrea Brown, Kim Landon, Essie Geiger  
30 Carla Larson, Sophie Wilkowske, Matt/Patty Johnson

## Ushers

- 2 John & Lyn Clark Pegg, Mary Martin, Matt Johnson  
9 Laurie & Mariah Berner, Jen Pearson, Susan Ranfranz  
16 Eric & Jane Rudd, Bob & Rene Montgomery  
23 Guy & Nadine Hubert, Mike & Diane Swanoski  
30 Todd & Laurie Lind, Essie Geiger, Cindy Macaulay

## Early Service Ushers

- 2 Bob & Kay Stevens      9 & 30 Barb Kehtel, Linda Lundberg  
16 Marge Anderson, Jerry Cleveland      23 Hamshers

## Coffee Hour Committees

### January Coffee Hour

#### **Coordinators:**

**Kirby & Cathy Wood, 724-1196**  
**Mark Liske, 728-2749**

#### **January 2**

Communion Set-up: Peggs  
Communion clean-up: Mary Adams  
Set-up: Amy & Eric Larson  
Serve/Clean-up: Jennifer Boyle, Marian Jensen

#### **January 9**

Set-up: Gwen Plum & Dave Gerhart  
Serve/Clean-up: Georgette Sarkela, Jayme Hennen

#### **January 16**

Set-up: **Volunteers needed**  
Serve/Clean-up: Judy & Bill Seliga-Punyko, Barbara Allen, Claire Smith

#### **January 23**

Set-up: Deb Stricker & Sandy Moore  
Serve/Clean-up: Sarah & Megan Perry-Spears, Laura Zahn

#### **January 30**

Set-up: Eric & Jane Rudd  
Serve/Clean-up: Mollie Stapleton Clark, Anne Beauchamp

**Please bring 3 dozen treats on your Sunday to help out.**

**THANK YOU!**

### Coming up — February

#### **Coordinators:**

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

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

Cathy & John Ameel, 724-2750

Jon & Sarah Barry,  
218-301-9452

John Erickson/Gail Blum,  
728-5519

Jen Stenersen & Melissa Boyle,  
728-0419

Christine Campbell & Jill Hess,  
218-251-3466

Kelli & Peter Farell,  
715-392-0272

Rob & Grace Gee, 715-392-1868

Beth & Kevin Kinney, 525-9836

Colette Knudsen, 724-4361

Jim & Cindy McLean, 525-3526

Rick & Karen Morgan, 525-6884

Denise Perry, 724-5198

Doug Manthey & Susan Ranfranz, 525-7369

Emily Ramsey 269-1019

Heidi Severson, 722-1251

Carolyn Williams & Tom Stackland, 729-7925

Gudrun & Geoff Witrak, 724-0726



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Associate Pastor: Paul Van Antwerp

Music Director: Jim Pospisil

Childrens Ministries: Kim Sturtz

Bookkeeper: Beth Chelseth



Office Coordinator: Janell Kohls

Receptionist: Nancy Nelson

Custodian: Dan Shepard

Parish Nurse: Cizzarie Schomberg

Pianist: Wendy Olson

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