



CROSS CONNECTION

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*No matter who you are
or where you are
on life's journey,
you'll find a home here!*

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Easter Chancel Choir Cantata

Sunday, March 30, 2008

10:15 Worship Service

*The Chancel Choir will be presenting their
Easter Cantata this Sunday, March 30,
during the regular Worship time.*

*They will be singing a compilation of Lent
and Easter numbers,
including the "Hallelujah Chorus" from
Handel's *Messiah*.*

Easter Cantata



*Bring your family, friends, and neighbors
to this joyous celebration of the Easter
message through music.*

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Monday—Thursday
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Name Tags!

"Who Are You??"

Help us be a
welcoming church!
Please wear your name tag
each Sunday morning.



PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Daniel Bies, Jerry Biscoe, Kathy Biscoe (7965 E Milagro, Mesa, AZ 85208), Bill Board, Lindi Hillman Bolinger, Judy and Ron Bonnevier, Bill Bothun, Tammy Brown (sister-in-law Michelle Boudreau died recently), Beth Davies, Don Fiedler, Ron and Joyce Fries, Don Hanson, Delores Janke, Leona Perkins, Theresa Radke, Lucy Spicer, Rev. Bryan Olson and our church during this time of transition.

Abi Christopherson (Elaine Mitchell's friend); Craig Dewall (Yvonne Bonngard's brother-in-law); Alan Gausman (Russ Gausman's brother); Ken & Nora Krahn (missionaries); Denise Heschke Krech (Marilyn's Heschke's daughter); Sharon Matzke (Bette Meyer's friend); Lynsay Nieman (Burt & Doris's granddaughter); Doris Rosenfelt (Kathy Biscoe's mother); Amy Stoker (Jim & Jean's daughter); Nick (husband of Stoker's granddaughter); our soldiers around the world.



As most of you probably know, over the past few weeks the United Church of Christ has been embroiled in a cultural and political controversy that has been played out in the public square via the national media. Political pundits and talking heads alike have criticized, critiqued, and debated one another

over the impact and importance of statements made in two sermons by Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., former pastor of Trinity U.C.C. in Chicago, Illinois. Trinity U.C.C. is the home church of Illinois Senator and presidential candidate Barack Obama. Rev. Wright served as Senator Obama's pastor for nearly 20 years, marrying him and his wife and baptizing their children. Rev. Wright was also instrumental in inspiring Senator Obama to become a Christian with his passionate sermons and persistent message of hope.

Over the past month, the image and integrity of both Rev. Wright and Trinity U.C.C. have come under severe scrutiny. Rev. Wright has been labeled as a "radical" and Trinity as a "separatist" congregation by some members of the media because of several controversial statements Rev. Wright made from the pulpit in the past. I believe those labels are both misleading and untrue. Most of what we see and hear in the national media on this issue is merely sound bytes used for political spin. It only tells a fraction of the story.

Rev. Wright served as senior pastor at Trinity U.C.C. for over 36 years, building the congregation from 87 members to over 8,000. Trinity is now the largest congregation in the United Church of Christ. Trinity, while being one of the few African-American congregations in a predominantly white denomination, has worked hard to unite rather than separate itself from the larger church. In fact, Trinity has been extremely active in reaching out to build bonds of community and bridges of support both locally and globally within the U.C.C.

In Rev. Wright's tenure as pastor, Trinity gave more money to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) in support of global and national ministries than any other church in the U.C.C.; developed seventy active ministries and eight corporations in its local community (including a credit union, a community development corporation, a health and hospice corporation, a higher education corporation, a day care center, two senior housing complexes, a federally chartered credit union, and an elementary school which has received a charter from the Chicago Public Schools Board of Education); and ministered tirelessly in the name of Christ to the addicted, poor, and poor-in-spirit on the south side of Chicago.

I have never met Rev. Wright nor have I attended worship at Trinity U.C.C., so I cannot give a personal testimony on their behalf. I can and will, however, withhold judgment about the message and ministry of Rev. Wright and Trinity U.C.C. until I know more about it than what a five or ten second sound byte can tell me. I pray you will as well. On the Welcome Table in the church Gathering Room is a packet of articles and letters from U.C.C. pastors and lay people who do have a personal connection with Rev. Wright and Trinity U.C.C. I hope that you will take the time to read these materials so that you can experience "the rest of the story." If you would like to have these articles e-mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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Sunday School News

On Sunday, March 30th, we will begin our final rotation of the 2007/2008 Sunday School year. We have many fun things planned over the next few months and even into this summer. See below for a listing of the upcoming events!

Please join our Sunday School classes for an overview of all our Summer Programs/Camps on Sunday, April 27th.



Summer Programs/Camps Open House

April 27th at 9:00am

Fellowship Hall - downstairs

Refreshments and snacks will be provided

Upcoming Events ...

March 2008:

* March 30th - Maple syruping (weather permitting)/Start new rotation

April 2008:

* April 6th - Birthday Sunday - Celebrate April birthdays

* April 27th - Summer programs/Camps open house/Sing during worship service

May 2008:

* May 4th - Birthday Sunday - Celebrate May birthdays

* May 18th - Awards Sunday - Last day of Sunday School

June/July/August 2008:

* Sports Life Camp at Lamar Fields

* Summer Sundays program at CGUCC

* Pilgrim Point Camp

Meet and Greet with New Pilgrim Point Director

The new Managing Director of Pilgrim Point Camp, Mr. Dale Dressler, will be visiting and preaching at Cottage Grove U.C.C. on Sunday, April 27, 2008. Pilgrim Point is our U.C.C. camp in Alexandria, MN. Come and hear about the exciting opportunities for outdoor ministry in the Minnesota Conference U.C.C. and meet Dale in person. *Parents of Sunday school children are invited to attend a special seminar with Dale at 9 a.m. on April 27th to learn more about Pilgrim Point and its summer camps for children and youth.* Pilgrim point camp brochures are also available in the Gathering Room if you would like to learn more about summer camping opportunities for you and your family.



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If, after reading these materials, you would like to discuss them with me personally, please feel free to give me a call or stop by my office. Blessings to you all this Easter season! Take care and God bless. See you in worship!

Peace,
Rev. Bryan

Coming Up in Worship

Sunday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Film Forum

10:15 a.m. Worship with
Choir Cantata

11:15 a.m. Coffee &
Fellowship

11:30 a.m. Bible Challenge
Small Group

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Film Forum

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Coffee &
Fellowship

11:30 a.m. Sunday School
Teachers' Meeting

5:00 p.m. M.O.B. Pizza Party

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Film Forum

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Coffee &
Fellowship

??? p.m. M.O.B.

Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Film Forum

10:15 a.m. Worship with New
Members

11:15 a.m. Coffee &
Fellowship

??? p.m. M.O.B.

Sunday, April 27

Camp Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Film Forum

10:15 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Coffee &
Fellowship

4:00 p.m. Ladies' International
Rendezvous

??? p.m. M.O.B.



Y.A.H.O.O.

(Youth Aspiring to Help Out Others)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cguccyouth>

Y.A.H.O.O.s is the Youth Ministry program of Cottage Grove United Church of Christ in Cottage Grove, MN.

As Y.A.H.O.O.s, we work to serve Christ by using our spiritual gifts for the benefit of our church, our community, and our world.

All youth grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cguccyouth>

YOUTH Events Calendar

Sunday, April 6—Pizza Party

Friday, April 18—Night on the Street

Saturday, May 10—Feed My Starving Children

July 23-28—National Youth Event in Knoxville, TN

Feed My Starving Children

On **Saturday, May 10, 2008**, members from Cottage Grove U.C.C. will be volunteering at the **Feed My Starving Children** facility in Eagan, MN, helping pack and prepare nutritional, non-perishable meals for hungry kids and families around the world. This is a great intergenerational activity in which adults, kids, and youth can all participate. There are 15 spots available for volunteers from CGUCC so sign-up today! If you are interested in serving at Feed My Starving Children on May 10th, please contact **Danyll Mills**, Sunday school Superintendent, or **Rev. Bryan**.



NYE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The UCC Cornerstone Fund is sponsoring the T-shirts for NYE 2008 — but we want youth to decide what goes on the back! Write a slogan or a bit of haiku. Choose a quote from a famous person or a verse from the Bible. String together a list of verbs or pose a question. For inspiration, start with the theme for NYE 2008 — Living the Life: Living Green, Living Peace, Living Love. Or consider the Cornerstone Fund's tagline: Investing from the heart. Building for the future. Then let your imagination soar. The possibilities are limited only by your creativity.



No rules, really — just remember to keep it appropriate to NYE 2008, and keep it tasteful. Send your entry (or entries!) to nye2008tshirtcontest@gmail.com (one entry per email; no attachments or images, please). Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, age and church name. One winner will receive a free registration for NYE 2008 (or reimbursement if you've already paid) and \$100 toward travel costs — plus the thrill of seeing their idea printed on the back of thousands of T-shirts! **Deadline: April 15.** Enter often! Enter today!

RSVP Form for National Youth Event

I, _____, wish to attend the U.C.C. National Youth Event on July 23-28, 2008, in Knoxville, TN. I have spoken with my parents and/or guardians about this opportunity, and they support my participation in this event.

I also understand the financial costs associated with this trip and am willing to earn, through my participation in Y.A.H.O.O. events, and/or pay the full registration/transportation cost to attend this event.

Please reserve a space for me on the Y.A.H.O.O. NYE trip.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return to Rev. Bryan ASAP



FILM FORUM

Calling all movie buffs! The inaugural Cottage Grove U.C.C. Film Forum will begin on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Lounge. What's it going to be like? Think Cannes without all the paparazzi!!!

The film forum is an opportunity for folks to indulge their love of movies and dive deeper into the celluloid story through a discussion of its characters, messages, and themes (both cultural and theological). Each Sunday morning from March 30th – May 11th (we'll take May 4th off for Confirmation Sunday) we will discuss a new film. ***All you have to do to participate is watch the film and come to the forum.***

Below, please find the list of movies we will be watching, the dates we will be discussing each film, and a brief description about each movie (from the *Internet Movie Database*). Please note that some of the movies are rated "R" due to the mature content presented in the film. Teenage youth are encouraged to participate in the film forums; however, youth under the age of 17 must obtain parent permission before watching any of the "R" rated titles that will be discussed.

The Film Forum Marquee

- March 30** **Into the Wild (2007)**
Based on a true story. After graduating from Emory University in 1992, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandoned his possessions, gave his entire \$24,000 savings account to charity and hitchhiked to Alaska to live in the wilderness. Along the way, Christopher encounters a series of characters who shape his life. **(MPAA Rating: R)**
- April 6** **The Matrix (1999)**
A computer hacker learns from mysterious rebels about the true nature of his reality and his role in the war against the controllers of it. **(MPAA Rating: R)**
- April 13** **Forrest Gump (1994)**
A simple man tells his life's tale to people waiting at a small town bus stop. He has captured fame, fortune and glory, but his one true love has continuously eluded him. The world will never be the same once you've seen it through the eyes of Forrest Gump. **(MPAA Rating: PG-13)**
- April 20** **The Amistad (1997)**
Based on a true story. In 1839, a mutiny upon the slave ship *la Amistad* sets off a legal debate about freedom, human rights, racial equality, and social justice in the "New World." **(MPAA Rating: R)**
- April 27** **We Were Soldiers (2002)**
The story of the first major battle of the American phase of the Vietnam War and the soldiers on both sides that fought it. *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young* is a tribute to the men who went into the "Valley of Death," their common acts of uncommon valor, and their loyalty to and love for one another. **(MPAA Rating: R)**
- May 11** **Star Wars (1977)**
Luke Skywalker leaves his home planet, teams up with other rebels, and tries to save Princess Leia from the evil clutches of Darth Vader. May the "Force" be with you! **(MPAA Rating: PG)**



Trash to Treasure Sale

“One Person’s Trash is Another’s Treasure”

BIG 2 DAY SALE!

Friday, April 18th 8:00 – 3:00

Saturday, April 19th 9:00 – 2:00 is ‘Bag Day,’ all the items you can get into a grocery bag for \$4.00!

This year the Trash to Treasure Sale funds will be used to purchase new blinds in the church offices and fellowship room, and to begin purchasing new banquet tables and chairs. Clean out your closets or other areas of your home and drop off your items beginning this Sunday, March 30th. If you need help getting your donated items to church, or for any other questions call Sheri Wohlers 731-2717, or Mary Smythe 739-5782. Thank you!

DROP OFF SCHEDULE - Please bring your donations downstairs to the stage area of the fellowship hall. Please do not drop things off in the garage or the entry ways. We would like the majority of items to be dropped off by Sunday 4/13 but we will still accept donations through Wed 4/16.

Sun 3/30 9 am – 12 noon

Wed 4/2 7 – 9 pm

Sat 4/5 9 – 11 am

Sun 4/6 9 am – 12 noon

Mon 4/7 10 am – 12 noon

Wed 4/9 7 – 9 pm

Sat 4/12 9 – 11 am

Sun 4/13 9 am – 12 noon

VOLUNTEER TIMES for SET UP – Pricing, sorting, organizing, etc. the week before the sale. We need lots of help with this; stop on down for a couple hours and lend a hand.

Sun 4/13 2 – 6 pm

Mon 4/14 9 am - 12 noon, 3 – 6 pm, 6 – 9 pm

Tue 4/15 9 am - 12 noon, 3 – 6 pm, 6 - 9 pm

Wed 4/16 9 am – 12 noon, 3 – 6 pm, 6 – 9 pm

Thur 4/17 9 am – 12 noon, 3 – 6 pm, 6 – 9 pm

VOLUNTEER TIMES DURING SALE - A sign-up sheet will be passed around in church for volunteering the two days of the sale. You can also call Sheri Wohlers 731-2717 to sign up. We are trying something new this year by having the 2 day sale. This can only be successful if we get enough volunteers to staff both days. Can you spare a vacation day from work on Friday?

Friday, 4/18 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - work during sale

Saturday, 4/19 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - work during sale

Saturday, 4/19 2:00 pm - extra hands are needed from 2:00 until clean-up is completed.

BAKE SALE

Please consider donating baked goods for the sale. Drop off baked goods Friday by 8:00 am or Saturday by 9:00 am.

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUNCH – Please call Barb Meyer, 459-3620, as soon as possible and let her know if you are willing to donate any of the following items for the lunch. Please drop off donated items in the downstairs kitchen the week before, and no later than Sunday, April 13.

12 pies --lemon meringue/apple/cherry

10 dozen hot dog buns

2 bags wild rice

2# butter

24# hamburger 90%

3 jars chicken soup base

3# brown sugar

4 lg ketchup (Heinz)

1 mustard

15 dozen small sliced hamburger buns

5 lg boxes Rice Krispies

8 - 1# bags mini marshmallows

1 box saran wrap

1 case water

80 hot dogs - beef (Oscar Mayer -Sams)

2 cases potato chips (100 individual bags - Sams)

2 - 12 pk Mountain Dew

2 - 12 pk Pepsi

2 - 12 pk Diet Pepsi

2 - 12 pk caffeine free diet Pepsi

2 - 12 pk A&W Root Beer

2 - 12 pk 7-up

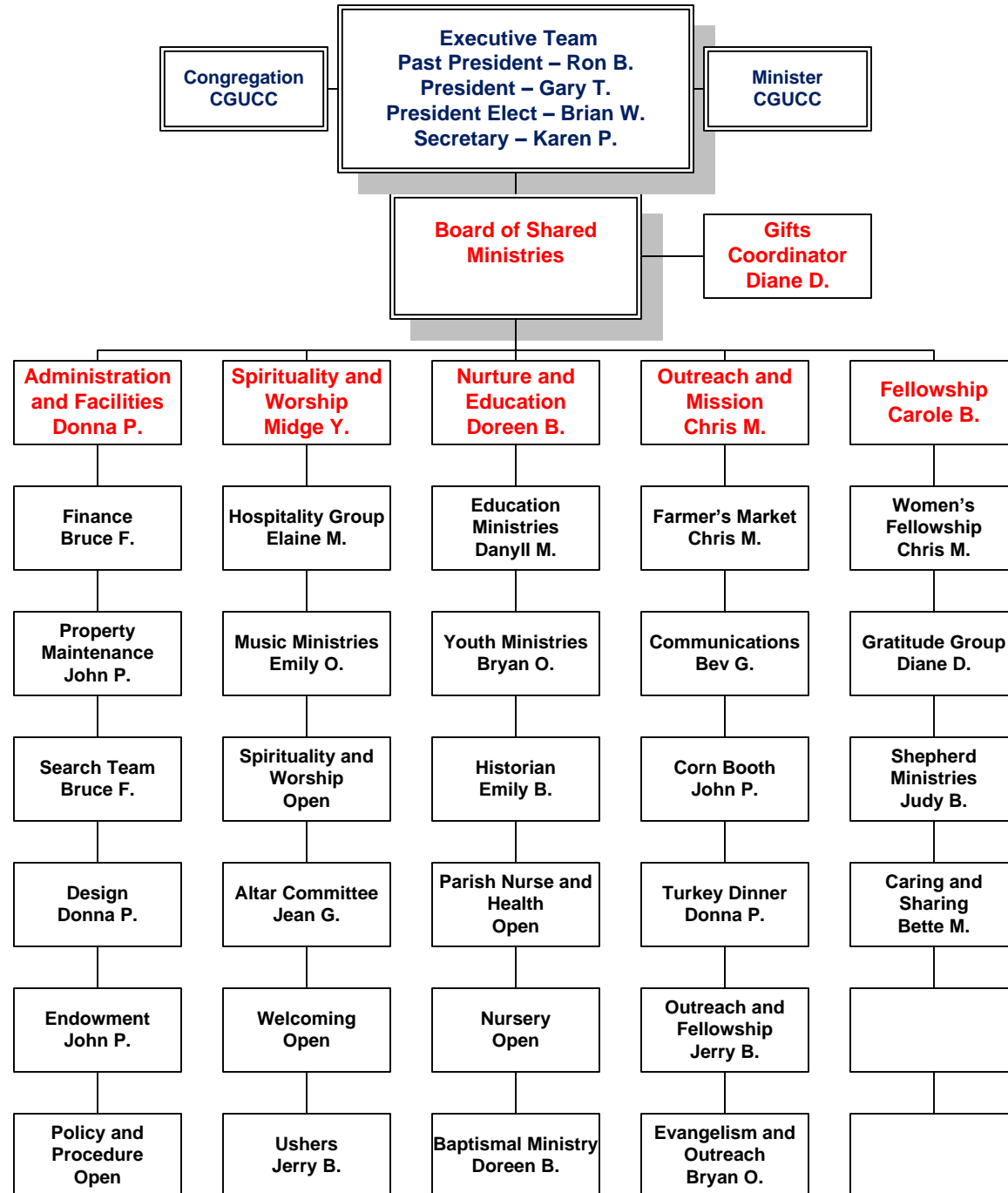
decaf coffee

reg coffee

1 gallon sliced pickles (Sams)

1 bag onions

CGUCC Executive Structure



“Pick me . . . Pick me . . . Pick me!!!”

Service as understood by Shrek’s favorite Donkey

What is our new Board of Shared Ministries and how does it work?

Our existing twenty eight operating teams have been divided into five categories with a leader from that area volunteering to serve on the Board of Shared Ministries with responsibility to the Church Council for that area:

Administration and Facilities - Donna Perkins

Spirituality and Worship – Midge Youngquist

Nurture and Education – Doreen Barta

Outreach and Mission – Chris Miller

Fellowship – Carole Weitzel Biscoe

Please take a look at the CGUCC Executive Structure on the opposite page to see where each ministry team fits. As new teams are formed, they will also be added to the structure where they fit the best.

The Board of Shared Ministries has the following responsibilities:

To hear new ministry plans as they come from the congregation.

To advise teams with regard to resources available for their use.

Assign a new team to one of the five main operating teams.

Receive and review quarterly reports from the ministry teams to share with the council.

Keep the congregation informed of the activities of each team.

Have an idea for a new TEAM? Have an idea that you would like to see take shape and happen here at CGUCC but don’t know where to start? According to our newly revised by-laws, all such activities must pass through the Board of Shared Ministries. This is only to assure that the Council and the Congregation are aware of all activities within the church. Contact our Gift’s Coordinator, Diane Davies (651-436-7234 or Dianedavies48@yahoo.com) with your idea.



Night on the Street Donations

If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of the youth who are participating in the Night on the Street event at Plymouth Congregational Church on April 18, 2008. Marie Berndt, Marissa Bonngard, Cole Brown, Erich Fiedler, Ali Manning, Shauna Meyer, Raquel Roman, and Mallory Ryan will all be spending the night sleeping in a cardboard box to help raise money for homeless youth in the Twin Cities area. All of these Y.A.H.O.O. youth are currently accepting donations. Checks can be made payable to “Night on the Street” and given to the youth before Friday, April 18th. Thank you for your support.



Palm Sunday Brunch a Success

Thanks to everyone who attended the Palm Sunday brunch hosted by the Y.A.H.O.O. youth on March 16th. The youth served close to 150 people and earned over \$500 for their trip to the U.C.C. National Youth Event this summer in Knoxville, TN. A special thanks to everyone who donated coffee cakes for the event. They were delicious. Thanks also to Bonngards Family Meats for donating all of the sausage for the egg bakes! Finally, thank you to all the youth, parents, and other adults who helped host the brunch by cooking, cleaning, decorating, and serving. Your efforts on behalf of the church are greatly appreciated!



If your birthday is in the church records, it will appear here. If yours does not appear, please let Becky in the office know when your birthday is and we will get it in next year. And please call if your birthday is wrong so we can get it right.

APRIL

- 1 - Troy Longtine
Lucy Spicer
- 4 - Lyle Biscoe
Wayne Westerberg
- 5 - Sue Brown
- 6 - Gayle Korth
Norma Manke
Vi Regalia
- 8 - Jerry Perkins
Mitchell Ries
- 9 - Crystal Kruse
- 10 - Ryan Long
Bonnie Utsch
- 11 - Gina Gross
- 14 - Bill Dunbar
Todd Christianson
Candy Resendez
Michael Weiby
- 17 - Dick Spicer
- 18 - Jeff Jacobs
Robert Radke
- 20 - Bill Board
- 21 - Jeffrey Warner
- 25 - Beth Davies
Ashton McCoy
Kacie Perkins
- 26 - Scott Weisskirk
- 27 - Sara Larson
- 28 - Jane Hayden-Hart
Brenda Herrmann
- 29 - Judy Bonnevier
Mariah Madsen
Alexander Marty
Rachel Schmidt

Head Start

Head Start is a free pre-school program for children ages 3—5. Head Start Accepts applications year-round. Please call (763) 783-4300 for eligibility guidelines and to register your child. Volunteer and employment opportunities are also available. Please call the above number for information.

Stone Soup Thrift Shop

Stone Soup is located at 950 3rd Street, St. Paul Park, next to Oltman Junior High School. Store hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday; Closed Sunday. Drop off donated items from opening until 1 hour before closing. Questions, call (651) 458-9786.

Feed My Starving Children

You are welcome to volunteer to help provide meals for starving people all over the world. This organization, located in Eagan and Brooklyn Center, needs people to help package meals. Open hours to volunteer are numerous during the week and on weekends. For more information, contact 763/504-2919 or www.fmssc.org.

Boy & Girl Scouts

More than 40 boys are involved in both the Cub Scout Den 777 and the Boy Scout Pack 777, both of which meet regularly in our church. And more than 20 adults are involved in each. Girl Scouts and a new Troop of Brownie Scouts also meet regularly at our church.

U.C.C. Revival Event

There are many different ways to worship; there are many different songs to sing. Come and join with other UCC'ers in revival United Church of Christ style.

This is a DO NOT MISS EVENT sponsored by the Evangelism Team of the MN Conference United Church of Christ.

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2008

Time: 2:00pm - 7:00pm

Place: Zion United Church of Christ, LeSueur, MN

The revival focus will include Community, Connecting with the Divine, Sanctuary, Inspiration, Healing, Gratitude, Challenge, Promise, and Celebration. There will be an evening meal provided as well as "Spirit Sessions." For more information, contact the Conference office at (612) 871-0359.



Get to Know Your Muslim Neighbors

Taking Heart is a program designed for Christians and Muslims to get to know each other as individuals in a low-key setting of food and conversation. At a Taking Heart event people eat, they talk, and eventually relationships are built and hearts are changed. Taking Heart is a joint program of the Muslim American Society of Minnesota and the Minnesota Council of Churches.



We are planning a get-to-know-each-other event on April 5. There will be middle-eastern food, a short presentation, and then some conversation starters to get people talking. The event will be on Saturday April 5, from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Muslim American Society of Minnesota, 4100 East 66th Street in Inver Grove Heights. For more information and to RSVP contact Gail Anderson at the Minnesota Council of Churches, gail.anderson@mnchurches.org, or 612-230-3210.

3-Day Breast Cancer Walk

Many of you may have heard of the 3-day Breast Cancer Walk. For those of you who haven't, it is a 60-mile walk over the course of 3 days. For the last 2 years I have been on the sidelines cheering the walkers, especially a group from Hastings known as the "Feisty Fighters;" they call me their Feisty Fighter "feisty" cheerleader. It was amazing, watching all those walkers. They looked exhausted and hot, but at the same time determined. Wow, what a journey they were on!



Well this year I decided to trade in my pompoms for my tennis shoes, and join them on their journey. Bryan, in his sermon last week, said, "One voice can make a difference," "One voice can change a life." I like to think I can make a difference with every step I take. By raising money and awareness, we get one step closer to finding a cure for breast cancer.

I'm asking you today for your support financially and spiritually. My goal is to raise \$3,000 by May 31st. You can donate on line at www.the3day.org and search for my name, Jan Huber, or by check made payable to "Breast Cancer 3-Day" and send to my home address at 7725 74th St S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

Thank you for your support,
Jan Huber

“Sexual Predators Among Us: Who Are They?”

Thursday, April 10, 7 to 9 p.m.

Cottage Grove Junior High

The Cottage Grove Police Department invites you to a community dialogue. Attend this FREE opportunity to learn about characteristics of sexual predators, how to recognize signs of sexual abuse, and what you need to do to protect yourself, your family, and our community.

Need more information? www.cottage-grove.org



Protecting our Children

Twins Game and Grill Out

Mark your calendars for this fun all church fellowship event. On **Sunday, June 22, 2008**, we will be grilling Bonngard's brats, burgers, and hot dogs out in the church parking lot immediately following worship at 10:30 a.m. and then heading down to the Metrodome to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Arizona Diamondbacks at 1 p.m. Tickets for the game are just \$12!!! Reserve your tickets today by e-mailing Rev. Bryan at olsonbw@hotmail.com or by signing up at the Welcome Table in the church Gathering Room.



Two-Day Bake Sale at Trash to Treasure Sale

Coming soon! This year you will have two days—Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19th—to donate and purchase baked goods at the huge Trash to Treasure sale. Please call Marilyn Heschke at (651) 459-2078 with donations or questions about the bake sale.



Thank You

To John Perkins for painting in the kitchen and replacing the sliding doors from the kitchen to the dining room.

To Donna and John Perkins and Danyll Mills for painting the wall behind the large cross in the sanctuary, just in time for Easter services.



Bible Challenge

Here is a challenge—read just the New Testament in one year. Reading lists are available on the table in the Gathering Room for reading the entire New Testament in one year.

OR

It's not too late to start the One Year Bible Challenge. Copies of the full-year reading plan are available on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Room, while the weekly study guide questions are posted on the church web site www.cgucc.org. The next Bible Challenge small group discussion session will take place on Sunday, April 27, following worship from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Join us as we walk through the Holy Scriptures together.



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Submit articles via e-mail at cgucc@usfamily.net or drop them off at the office. Thanks for all the information you submit to share with the congregation! Keep it coming!

Becky Graff, Editor

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letter, please call or send an e-mail, and we
will take you off our mailing list. Thanks!

STOP!!

International Rendezvous

Sunday, April 27th, 2008, at 4:00 PM

Yes, that's right! All grandmothers, granddaughters, mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, neighbors or just you from 2 to 92 are invited to a spring women's and children's banquet in the church dining room on Sunday, April 27th at 4:00 PM. It will be an international extravaganza. Come dressed in your native costume, if you have one. Door prizes will be given to the best dressed. If you have something to display from around the world, bring it. We will have a special spot for it. A fabulous chicken dinner will be served with a children's menu which will include a dessert. We will also have special entertainment and lots of prizes. Social hour starts at 4:00 PM with dinner served at 4:30 PM. **Reservations are required to attend this event.** The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 23rd. Please see Barb or Sara Larson after church or give them a call at 459-4448 to make your reservation. Price is \$10.00 for adults, children 6 and under \$5.50, and children 2 and under free. You will not want to miss it! This event is sponsored by Women's Fellowship.

