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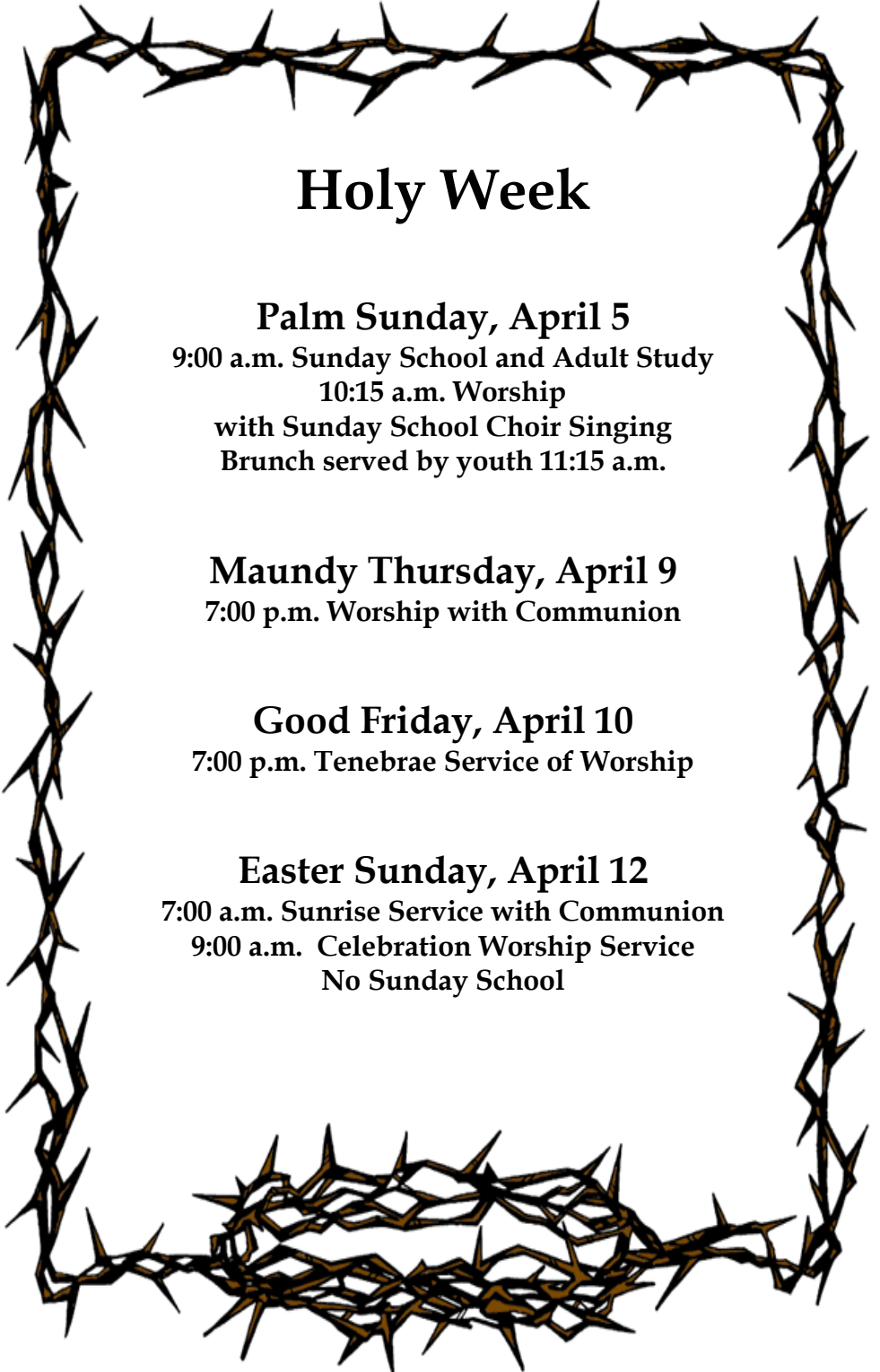


*No matter who you are  
or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you'll find a home here!*

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## Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday, April 5**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
with Sunday School Choir Singing  
Brunch served by youth 11:15 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9**

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion

### **Good Friday, April 10**

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 12**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Communion  
9:00 a.m. Celebration Worship Service  
No Sunday School

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### PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Susan Berndt; Daniel Bies; Eric Bies; Rob and Carole Weitzel Biscoe; Kathy Biscoe; Bill and Isabel Board; Bill Bothun; Beth Davies; Bob Fox; Joyce Fries and family mourning Ron's death; Russ Gausman; Don Hanson; Ken Huber and family as they mourn the death of Ken's father; the family of Delores Janke who mourn her death; Chris Miller; JoAnn Nelson; Leona Perkins; Sandy Rabe; Emily, Chris, and Joel Spicer; families facing unemployment issues.

David Bloomquist (Woodwinds Hospital); Alma Buechler (former pastor's wife); Abi Christopherson (Elaine Mitchell's friend); Dorothy Brown (Ashley & Luke Longmuir's great-aunt); Roxanne Ebarb (Birdie Meyer's daughter) Ken & Nora Krahn (missionaries); Guzman family (daughter's health); Denise Heschke Krech (Marilyn's Heschke's daughter); Richard Lara (in prison); Margie Mattison (Farmers' Market vendor); Ramona Roney; Mary Schmidt (Karen Schmidt's mother-in-law); Midge Youngquist's grandmother; our soldiers around the world; those affected by flooding in Minnesota and North Dakota.

### An Offering of Gold

Rev. Désirée  
H. Gold



Can you believe it? Easter is only a few weeks away! It's hard to ignore now, with "Easter bunny" and "Easter duck" stuffed animals filling displays at the grocery store. Easter egg motifs decorate store windows and even some homes. Candy aisles are bursting with pastel pink, blue, and green Hershey Kisses, marshmallow "Peeps" and all manner of goodies that bring annual horror to dentists. Easter is *everywhere!* In children's clothing stores, frilly dresses take center stage as children prepare for the biggest dress-up day of the year. Restaurants are busy taking reservations for the ever-popular "Easter Sunday Brunch." (Bad economy? What bad economy?!) Spring fever is in the air, even with snow flurries in the forecast. Easter is in the air, and that means Spring.

In the church we are busy too. Orders are being taken for the Easter Memorial Garden. Gary and the choir and JC Rock are preparing the special music they will sing. The children's choir is getting ready for their big performance on Palm Sunday. Pastors like me are anticipating both the exhaustion and the exhilaration that Easter brings. People who do not go to church the rest of the year are scrambling to find a service they can attend. Women are digging in the closet for those white shoes they have not worn since Labor Day. Clearly, something special is near.

Indeed, Easter is special, as it marks the most important holiday in the church year. Yes, *it is even more important than Christmas* (although the latter still gets more press, even in the church). At Easter we celebrate the strangest, most miraculous point of our faith, that Jesus was resurrected from the dead and lives again! What a wonderful thought, and no wonder so many entities of the church are making big plans!

...But hold on a minute! We're not there yet. One of the ways the church prepares for Easter is by worshiping during the forty days of Lent. During this time, we not only look forward to the miracle of Easter; we also walk through all that it took for Jesus – and us – to get to that wonderful day. Without Lent, without Holy Week, Easter is worth as much fluff as the stuffing in that Easter bunny. *Without the pain of Good Friday, Easter means nothing.*

At Easter, we celebrate not only the gloriousness of new life, but also the special meaning that it takes on when it follows the horror of Jesus' crucifixion, the darkness of his death. We don't like to talk about death much, don't like to admit that it's there. Yet most of us have experienced it in one way or another. Whether we have endured the death of a loved one or had an experience in our own lives when we felt something inside us die, we are all too aware of the Good Fridays.

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, let us remember that it is not just about the Easter bunnies, not just about the Easter eggs, not just about the new life we see both in the springtime blossoms (which we know will bloom *someday*) and in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is miraculous because it comes after Good Friday. It is joyous because it carries with it the hope that God will be with us through the death and the destruction that we don't want to see, and that somehow there will be life again after the pain.

The jump from Palm Sunday to Easter is an odd one, with exaltation on both ends. Don't forget the days in between. If you are able, please join us for services at 7:00 p.m. on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, when we will follow Jesus to the cross. However you worship during the days between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, remember that it is not just "Easter week" but is truly "*Holy Week*," complete with all the pain and all the glory life entails.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Gold

## UCC Calendar of Prayer

Looking for a new prayer tool? "A Calendar of Prayer for the United Church of Christ" is a daily online prayer calendar that contains stories from across the United States and from around the world. Each of these stories illustrates the depth and breadth of the mission outreach of the United Church of Christ. There are stories that reflect the rich diversity of our denomination, as well our partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the common witness of Global Ministries. They are stories of local congregations, individuals, and faith communities from around the world that speak to the one church, the one body of Christ -- a body that is covenantal, supportive, accountable, and welcoming within the world.



### Here's an example from March 24, 2009:

Family Gateway provides transitional housing and a comprehensive continuum of care to families with children experiencing homelessness. Central Congregational Church provides support to Family Gateway through their ministry, and was one of the original churches that founded this organization. When a family is homeless, it's not by choice. Family Gateway provides transitional housing and a comprehensive continuum of services to families with children experiencing homelessness. Since 1986, Family Gateway has offered counseling and training intended to restore dignity, stability, and self-sufficiency to families in Dallas County in Texas.

*Numbers 20: 1-13 God gives water from the rock*

*1 Corinthians 10: 6-13 God is faithful*

*Psalms 107: 1-16 God gives food and light*

### Centering Prayer for March 19-25:

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence. Amen.

You can access "A Calendar of Prayer" through the UCC web site ([www.ucc.org/worship/calendar](http://www.ucc.org/worship/calendar)) or just by clicking the new "Calendar of Prayer" link from our Cottage Grove United Church of Christ web site!

### It's a Contest

YOU Could Design the New Logo for the Farmers' Market. We have a new web page for the Farmers' Market [www.cguccfm.org](http://www.cguccfm.org). Now we need a new, attention-grabbing LOGO that is entirely our own. Could it be your design that will be on the world wide web?? Draw your design with web page banner, posters, and business cards in mind.



*Think Farmers' Market—veggies—fruits—flowers—honey—jam—sweet corn—bread—baked goodies—hot dogs and ice cream—Kids' Korner*

Submit to [cguccfm@hotmail.com](mailto:cguccfm@hotmail.com), Cole Bertram, or Becky in the office by Wednesday, April 15. Kids of all ages are especially encouraged to come up with ideas. This is your big opportunity to let your creativity shine and show off your ideas to the world!

## Coming Up in Worship

### Sunday, April 5, 2009

#### Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Lenten Study  
9:00 a.m. Brunch Set Up  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:10 a.m. Announcements  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Brunch

### Thursday, April 9

#### Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion

### Friday, April 10

#### Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Worship

### Sunday, April 12, 2009

#### Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Worship

### Sunday, April 19, 2009

9:00 a.m. Adult Discussion Group  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:10 a.m. Announcements  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

#### **Participating in Worship in April**

Head Usher—Gary Thyren  
Altar Team—Midge Youngquist  
Communion Preparation—Jan & Ken Huber

#### **Participating in Worship in May**

Head Usher—Jerry Biscoe  
Altar Team—Susan Berndt  
Communion Preparation—Krisi & Jeff Jacobs



# Y.A.H.O.O.

*(Youth Aspiring to Help Out Others)*

**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

Palm Sunday Brunch  
Sat. Apr 4—10 am setup  
Sun. Apr 5—9 am setup  
Sun. Apr 5—11:15 am Brunch

Night on the Street  
Friday, April 24

## Palm Sunday Brunch

The youth group will be preparing and serving the annual Palm Sunday Brunch on April 5, 2009. We will need the help of all youth and their parents to make this brunch a success. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

Saturday, April 4, 11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.– *(Please note change in time due to Confirmation class)* Table set-up, egg bake preparation, and decorating of Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m. - Final set-up  
11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Serve brunch and clean up



## Coffee Cakes Needed for Brunch

Y.A.H.O.O.s are in need of coffee cakes for the Palm Sunday Brunch. They can be dropped off at the church on Saturday morning, April 4, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or Sunday morning, April 5, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please contact Bruce Fiedler if you have questions.



Thank you for supporting our youth!

## A Night on the Street

On Friday, April 24, 2009, the Y.A.H.O.O. youth will spend a "Night on the Street" in downtown Minneapolis to raise awareness about the problems of homelessness in Minnesota, and to raise money for homeless people and families in our community. The Y.A.H.O.O.s, along with 400 youth from more than 30 congregations, will sleep overnight in cardboard boxes in the parking lot of Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Minneapolis. The youth will spend the evening learning about issues specifically related to teen homelessness and how they can work as advocates to help make sure all people have access to affordable housing.



This event is open to all youth in grades 7 - 12. This year we will be taking along donations to support the Groveland Food Shelf, and building Food Shelf Mountain.

If you wish to participate in this event, please RSVP with Bruce Fiedler no later than April 3, 2009. Parental permission is required for youth to participate in this event. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce at (651) 238-4644.

## Helping Those in Need

At the last Church Council meeting it was decided to have a discretionary fund for Pastor Gold to use for folks coming to the church for help. If you would like to contribute to this fund, we would appreciate your donating gift cards for food or gas (\$25 or less). Holiday stations have gift cards that can only be used for gas. A box will be on the coffee bar going forth through the year for your gift cards. Thanks for helping others during these difficult economic times.



## Minnesota Conference 2009 Annual Meeting

*"Together, we will be renewed"*

College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

June 5-7, 2009

A weekend of singing and celebration, with Malcolm Anderson and Scott Dorff of CODA leading music, and Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers giving the special address. Guest speakers include Rev. Dr. Paul Nixon, author of I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church, and Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith, president of BREAD, "a multiracial, multi-ethnic social justice organization in the city of Columbus, OH." See Pastor Désirée Gold for more information and registration.



## Thank You

Thank you for your pledge of \$2400 to Our Church's Wider Mission. Your gift enables us to join in ministry beyond our local churches and to share the good news of God's love with neighbors near and far.

We also appreciate your support for our seminaries and special mission offerings! We give thanks for your ministry in your local community and beyond.

May God bless your congregation in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Jane McBride  
Minnesota Conference OCWM Team



## Jesus Christ Superstar

*Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber*

*Lyrics by Tim Rice*

Presented by Park High School

April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 at 7:00 p.m.

April 26 at 1:00 p.m.

American Sign Language interpreted on April 25

Ticket Cost Adult: \$6.00 Reserved; \$7.00/door

Student/Senior: \$4.00 Reserved; \$5.00/door

Park High School Auditorium, 8040 80<sup>th</sup> St., Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Reservations: by phone: 651-768-5706

On line: [parkhighschooltheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:parkhighschooltheatre@yahoo.com)

*Jesus Christ Superstar is produced by special arrangement with R&H Theatricals, NY*



## Land to Lease?

The Farmers' Market Team was recently contacted by a family looking for additional gardening plots to grow produce for the Farmers' Market. If you or someone you know has land to rent, please call Becky in the church office. Thanks!



## April

- 1 - Tony Longtine  
Lucy Spicer
- 3 - Susan Heuer
- 4 - Lyle Biscoe  
Wayne Westerberg
- 5 - Sue Brown
- 6 - Norma Manke
- 8 - Jerry Perkins  
Mitchell Ries
- 9 - Crystal Kruse
- 10 - Darrel Johnston  
Ryan Long  
Bonnie Utsch  
Jamie Vorlicky
- 11 - Gina Gross
- 14 - Todd Christianson  
Bill Dunbar  
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 Hayde-Hart  
Brenda Herrmann
- 29 - Judy Bonnevier  
Alexander Marty  
Rachel Schmidt



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### **Karen Fritze, Cake Cottage.**

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### **Brad Huber, B.M.H. Construction, and Realtor.**

new home construction, remodeling, additions, (651) 459-7545, [homebuildings@aol.com](mailto:homebuildings@aol.com); Licensed Real Estate Agent at (651) 379-2939 or [bhuber@kw.com](mailto:bhuber@kw.com)

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### **Bill Larsen, Larsen Films.**

video production of events, photo montages, and other video services, (651) 270-2730, [www.larsenfilms.com](http://www.larsenfilms.com)

### **Ali Manning and Shauna**

**Meyer**, Castle Care child-care program, where we treat the children like royalty, [www.castlecare.webs.com](http://www.castlecare.webs.com), email at [castlecare-kids@live.com](mailto:castlecare-kids@live.com)

### **Ramona Westerberg, The**

**Healing Place**, massage for facilitating health naturally, pain management, and pain relief, (651) 206-7141, or [www.thehealingplacecg.com](http://www.thehealingplacecg.com)

### **Wayne Westerberg, Four Seasons Outdoor Services.**

tree removal, stump removal, trimming, snow removal and lawn maintenance, (651) 768-0833

## Learning the Companionship Way

*Reviewing the Gifts Required to Be Fully Present to Others*

A conversation and workshop for all who would befriend family, friends or neighbors in need of encouragement.

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Saturday, April 4, 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Focus:** Companionship is a way of sharing the journey with a person who is suffering or alone. Companionship is a way of being present and building a supportive relationship that leads to healing, well being and inclusive, caring community.

**Participants:** Companionship training helps lay people grow in their capacity to welcome the stranger and serve our neighbors - especially those who are homeless, isolated, alone and ill in body and mind.

**Key Learnings:** Companionship training helps participants: recognize their gifts for sensitivity, compassion and concern, and explore ways to introduce themselves to a stranger or person in need, grow in the basic practices of companionship - hospitality, sharing the journey "side by side," listening, and accompaniment, move toward mutuality and shared responsibility for creating caring communities in which every soul has a home, health, worth and purpose.

**Presenter:** Craig Rennebohm is a UCC minister, a parish pastor and founder of the Mental Health Chaplaincy. For the last 20 years Craig has done outreach on the streets of Seattle, served as a chaplain on the mental health units at Harborview Medical Center, worked with local congregations on ministry in the areas of homelessness and mental illness, and done teaching and advocacy both in the US and internationally.

This workshop is free! For planning purposes, please express your intent to attend by calling or emailing the FHUCC Office: 651-646-2681 or [office@falconheightsucc.org](mailto:office@falconheightsucc.org), 1795 Holton St. | Falcon Heights, MN | 55113

Check out the News posting on the Conference Website (<http://www.uccmn.org/default.aspx>) and take a peek at the training description, handouts and a biography of Craig Rennebohm.

## Telephone Equipment at No Cost

Do you wish it were easier to hear callers clearly, to hear the phone ring, to dial or hold the phone, or to have your voice understood on the telephone? You may be eligible to receive the telephone equipment you need free of charge from the State of Minnesota's Telephone Equipment Distribution Program. You are already paying for this service through a telephone surcharge on your phone bill. For more information call 1-800-657-3533 (TTY callers 1-888-206-6555) or visit our web site at [www.tedprogram.org](http://www.tedprogram.org).



## Women's Fellowship

The next regular meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. The activity for the evening will be working on set-up for the annual Trash to Treasure sale. All women are always welcome.





## Dear Members and Friends of Cottage Grove U.C.C.,

Thank you so much for the wonderful farewell celebration you hosted for Emily and me. We truly appreciated your kindness and generosity. It was fun to look at all the pictures and share memories of our past six years together. We were both humbled by the number of you who approached us individually to share how our ministries have impacted your lives. We feel truly blessed to have been a part of the great history of this congregation and look forward to seeing this church continue to grow and thrive under the leadership of Pastor Gold.

We want to say a special thank you to Donna Perkins for organizing the farewell dinner for us at Mississippi Dunes. That was a special time to be with friends and family that we will never forget. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the generous monetary gift we received from the congregation. That will help immensely as we move and prepare to settle into our new home and ministry in Pennsylvania.

Blessings to you all as you continue on your journey of faith with Christ. We look forward to seeing you on the road! Thank you again for being the caring, compassionate, community of faith that you are. Take care and God bless.

Your friends in Christ always,  
Rev. Bryan and Emily Olson

## To My Friends at CGUCC

I would like to thank all who expressed their sympathy to me with a phone call, card, or a hug. It's nice to have a church family. Thank you all again.  
Joyce Fries

## Thank You!

To all the altar volunteers, a big thank you for all your work in keeping our altar fresh and beautiful. A new member is joining the altar team; Jan Huber is joining as the group coordinator.

Jean Gausman

## Concert on Cable TV

Emily Olson and JC Rock's concert from here at the church on February 28 will be shown on Channel 14 cable TV. The cable company has agreed to air Bill Larsen's recording of the concert, but there is no scheduled time. If you would like to watch or record the concert, you will need to check the station's schedule. Thanks, Bill, for sharing your recording of this special musical event.



## Do You Have a Spare Refrigerator?

If you have an old refrigerator you do not need, the Farmers' Market Team would appreciate having it in the garage to hold soda and brats during the market season. Please contact Jerry Stratton at (651) 459-9600.

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Becky Graff, Editor

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**STOP!!**

## Trash to Treasure Sale

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

**TWO DAY SALE!! Less than 4 weeks away!**

### NEW HOURS

Friday, April 24th 3:00 – 8:00 and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 2:00

Saturday is “BAG DAY”... all you can fit into a large grocery bag for \$4.



Items will be accepted beginning Sunday, April 5 after the Palm Sunday Brunch. We would like the majority of items to be dropped off by Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>; however we will continue to accept donations through Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for more specific drop off dates and times. Bring your stuff to the stage area of the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the Trash to Treasure Sale. Donating your unneeded items to the Trash to Treasure Sale will allow us to continue to support the church's needs. So start saving your **new or gently used** clothing and shoes, kitchen items, bedding, baby clothes, toys, books, records, CDs, tapes, DVDs, jewelry, small working electronics and appliances, tools, women's accessories, collectibles, antiques, sports equipment, those unwanted Christmas gifts, etc.

Please, **no** hide-a-beds, bunk beds, water beds, pull out sofas, paint, chemicals, car seats, encyclopedia sets, exercise equipment, TVs or computers, curtain rods, car tires, large furniture items or large appliances.

Call Sheri Wohlers 731-2717 if you would like to help out or if you have questions.

## **COMMAntary: an e-newsletter of the Minnesota Conference - United Church of Christ**

**March 27, 2009**

Thousands of upper midwest residents have been forced from their homes as rivers continue to rise in what may become an historic flood as early as this weekend. The combination of heavy snow, an early melt and now more heavy snow and rain is responsible for the early Spring flooding. The combination is producing a runoff that may top the 1997 flood levels seen along the Red River that had set many of the current records.

As of today, there is a serious flooding issue along both the Red River and Missouri River in the Upper Midwest. In some places, river and over-land flooding has already occurred, and in other locations, current forecasts predict floods of record-breaking proportion.

United Church of Christ disaster response coordinators in the Northern Plains and Minnesota Conferences, Lindy Holt and Bob Broeder are meeting daily with the states' Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). The VOADs in both North Dakota and Minnesota have been organizing volunteers locally to sand-bag; to prepare communities where flooding will occur; and, to begin to look at immediate and long term response. Both coordinators are working with the wider community on behalf of the United Church of Christ.

The UCC church in Moorhead, MN is now being used as a shelter as people are evacuated from their homes. There have been no reports of damages to UCC church facilities at this time.

The United Church of Christ is seeking \$50,000 to respond to needs in both North Dakota and Minnesota. Funds will be used in the immediate response to assist communities as they begin to clean out homes:

Did you know? -- \$7.98 will purchase one each: Tyvek coverall with hood and boot, chemical splash goggle, nitrile glove, and N95 respirator. This equipment will help to protect home owners and volunteers during clean up.

Did you know? -- the average recovery time for communities impacted by major flooding is 2 to 3 years?

As long term recovery committees are able to address needs of persons with no insurance or those who are underinsured, we will be seeking volunteer work groups to assist with repairing and rebuilding homes.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

1. Pray for people who live in communities affected by floods.
2. To help those affected by disasters you may, send gifts payable to your congregation marked for OGHS special fund Emergency USA: 2009 floods with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.
3. Send gifts, made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion OGHS special fund Emergency USA: 2009 floods to UCC Financial Services; Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.
4. Make a secure on-line donation at  
[https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1340&1340.donation=form1](https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Donation2?df_id=1340&1340.donation=form1)



*Help those in need*