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## 150 Years and Going Strong



*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 Schedule

*April 1—Maundy Thursday*  
Service with Communion 7:00 p.m.

*April 2—Good Friday*  
Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.

## Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m.  
Celebration Service 9:30 a.m.  
No Sunday School

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### PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Nita Bertram; Isabel Board on death of Bill; Bill Bothun; Beth Davies; Don Hanson; Ruby Hanson; Huber family on Brad's call back to Iraq; Marshall Janicek; Arlean Kropelnicki; Chris Miller; Joann Nelson; Richard Piel; Jamie, Adam, and Alexander Roberts; Pam Schmuki; Lucy Spicer.

Angie Barta (Doreen Barta's mother-in-law); Leo and Alma Buechler on death of their son David; Abi and Tracy Christopherson (Elaine Mitchell's friends); Patricia Clark (Doreen Barta's mother); Elsie Freelove (Lynn Ronn's mother); Jim Gregory; Donna Johnson (Gary Afdahl's mother-in-law); Denise Heschke Krech (Marilyn Heschke's daughter); Natalie Labelle (Joyce Biscoe's 2-year-old friend); Richard Lara (in prison); family and friends of Violet Long; Mike (Midge Youngquist's brother); Fred Minter (Stan Barta's cousin); Luke Patnode (son of Hunter Hakkila's teacher); Patty Roens; David Sauve (Beatrice Sauve's brother); Gene Sauve (Ron Bonnevier's friend); Emilie Stordalen (Pastor Gold's cousin); Andrew Witherspoon; Midge Youngquist's grandmother and mother.

### An Offering of Gold

Rev. Désirée  
H. Gold



Those of you who were in church on Palm Sunday heard me speak about how much of Holy Week we miss if we just celebrate just Palm Sunday and Easter. Faith becomes nothing but triumph if we miss out on the darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Why is it so important to delve into that darkness? It is important because the Resurrection of Christ takes on so

much more meaning when we realize the suffering that he went through to get there. It is important because the despair of Holy Week reminds us of our sin -- of those ways in which we have turned from God, as Judas betrayed Jesus. It is important because our own lives are not constant celebration; they, too, involve times of darkness.

I hope that you will join us here at Cottage Grove United Church of Christ in walking the journey of Holy Week by attending our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. On Maundy Thursday we will utilize elements of a traditional Jewish Seder meal as we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper. When you enter the sanctuary, someone will offer to wash your hands, as Jesus would have washed his disciples' hands before the meal. Worship will include a service of healing, using anointing oil mixed with frankincense, myrrh, and other elements (unscented oil will also be available). Then we will partake of communion, using unleavened bread and our usual wine or grape juice. During this service of Word and Sacrament, we hope you will experience the Last Supper in a new and meaningful way.

On Good Friday we will hold a traditional Tenebrae service. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness," and in keeping with the Tenebrae tradition we will extinguish candles one by one throughout the service, until we are in near darkness. We will hear the story of the Passion (Jesus' Crucifixion), told through scripture, poetry, and song and have opportunities for solemn prayer.

Both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00 p.m. I hope that you will gather for these solemn but beautiful worship experiences. The light and life of Easter will take on greater Truth if you do.

A blessed Holy Week to all of you.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Gold

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes in April will be held on Saturday, April 10 and 24 at 9:30 a.m. Please let Pastor Gold know if you will be unable to attend either class.



### Save the Date

On Sunday, April 11 (the Sunday after Easter) we will welcome several new members into our church family. We have finished our classes but are waiting to hold the reception because a prospective member has been out of town and because the Easter season seemed a more appropriate time than Lent for this joyous celebration. If you are interested in joining Cottage Grove UCC but did not attend the new member classes, please speak with Pastor Gold.



## United Theological Seminary to Hold Class at CGUCC

### *Wrestling with the Problem of Evil and Suffering*

Join others interested in strengthening their faith and understanding at this class. An interactive format encourages a lively give and take, and United's tradition of hospitality creates a sense of inclusiveness.

**When:** Tuesdays – April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11; 7:00-9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$225.00

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, April 6

For more information, including class details and registration, go to <http://www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp> or direct questions to Renee Flesner at 651.255.6138 or [rflesner@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:rflesner@unitedseminary.edu).

### Spring Road Cleaning

The Outreach Team has announced they will coordinate the highway cleanup project on Saturday, April 10th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Help is always needed for this "stewardship of the earth" project.



### EFT Offering

In the sanctuary at church, in the pew racks is a new laminated green card titled "EFT Offering/Electronic Funds Transfers." It is for use by those who choose to have their regular offerings transferred electronically from their account to the church's account. For those who have chosen to give in this way, they are invited to take one of the green cards and place it in the offering plate as an outward sign of their electronic offering. If you would like more information about electronic funds transfer, please contact Bruce Fiedler at (651) 459-9694, or [bruce.fiedler@hartfordlife.com](mailto:bruce.fiedler@hartfordlife.com).



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Becky Graff, Editor

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# Trash to Treasure Sale, Bake Sale & Lunch

## "One Person's Trash is Another's Treasure"

**Friday, April 16 9:00 – 8:00 & Saturday, April 17 9:00 – 2:00**



Saturday is "BAG DAY"... all you can fit into a large grocery bag for \$4.00.

Come, shop, find your treasures, stay for a fabulous lunch or dinner of Sloppy Joes, Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Homemade Potato Soup, Hot Dogs and Pie. Then stop by the Bake Sale and bring home some fresh home baked treats. It's a fun atmosphere, come check it out!

### **Donations for Sale**

It's officially spring, and time for spring cleaning. Donating your unneeded items to the Trash to Treasure Sale will benefit the Capital Campaign. The Trash to Treasure Sale will be accepting donations beginning Sunday, March 28 after the Palm Sunday Brunch. We would like the majority of items to be dropped off by Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>; however we will continue to accept donations through Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. See list below for specific dates and times to drop off donations. Bring your stuff to the stage area of the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

### **Volunteer during the Sale**

Thanks to all those who have already signed up to work or to donate food items. It's not too late to sign up. Volunteers are needed to work during the sale at the following times: Friday 4/16 from 9- 1:00 - two volunteers. Friday 4/16 from 1 - 5:00, and Friday from 5 - 8:00 - 10 volunteers. Saturday 4/17 from 9 - 2:00 - 5 volunteers. And of course, 2:00 on Saturday 4/17 we can use plenty of help to box up and haul out the unsold items. We donate leftovers to Stone Soup Thrift Shop and the Epilepsy Foundation.

### **Volunteer to set up Sale**

Stop on down to the church basement for a couple hours to help sort, price, organize, etc.  
Sun, 4/11 2 - 6:00, Mon. 4/12 9 - 12:00, 3 - 9:00, Tue. 4/13 9 - 12:00, 3 - 9:00  
Wed. 4/14 9 - 12:00, 3 - 9:00

### **Food Donations**

The following food items are still needed.  
Pies for the kitchen lunch and goodies for the bake sale

Please contact Sheri Wohlers to volunteer or donate food items. (651)731-2717, sherileewohlers@gmail.com We will gladly accept your **new or gently used** clothing and shoes, kitchen items, bedding, baby clothes, toys, books, records, CD's, tapes, DVD's, jewelry, small working electronics and appliances, tools, women's accessories, collectibles, antiques, sports equipment.

Please, **no** hide-a-beds, artificial trees, bunk beds, water beds, pull out sofas, paint, chemicals, car seats, encyclopedia sets, exercise equipment, TV's or computers, curtain rods, car tires, large furniture items or large appliances. (If you have any large items you want to donate, please contact Sheri Wohlers 731-2717. If large items don't sell, we may ask you to take them back so we are not responsible for disposal costs.)



## April

- 1 - Troy Longtine  
Lucy Spicer
- 4 - Lyle Biscoe  
Wayne Westerberg
- 5 - Sue Brown
- 6 - Norma Manke
- 8 - Jerry Perkins  
Mitchell Ries
- 9 - Crystal Kruse
- 10 - Darrel Johnston  
Ryan Long  
Jamie Roberts  
Bonnie Utsch
- 11 - Gina Gross
- 14 - Todd Christianson  
Bill Dunbar  
Ellie Longtine  
Candy Meyer  
Michael Weiby
- 17 - Dick Spicer
- 18 - Jeff Jacobs  
Robert Radke
- 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  
Alexander Marty  
Rachel Schmidt



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## United Theological Seminary Installs New President

On Sunday, April 11, The Reverend Mary McNamara will be installed as the seventh president of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in a festive service that begins at 3:00 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis. Speakers include The Reverend Daniel Aleshire, executive director of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada; Dr. Joseph C. Hough, Jr., president emeritus of Union Theological Seminary; The Reverend Dr. Peg Chamberlin, executive director of the Minnesota Council of Churches and president of the National Council of Churches; Dr. Gary Reiersen, president of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; Dr. Richard Bliese, president of Luther Seminary; Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Temple Israel; The Rev. Karen Smith Sellers, conference minister of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ; and Dr. Wilson Yates, president emeritus of United Theological Seminary. Ms. Sharon Ryan, chair of United's board of trustees, will preside.



Rev. McNamara comes to United from Union Theological Seminary where she served for 10 years as executive vice president. Prior to coming to Union, she served as the non-profit economic development director in the Koch and Dinkins administrations and then as president of the Interchurch Center beginning in 1990. She serves as treasurer of the Association of Theological Schools and recently joined the board of Collegeville Institute. Raised in Cambridge, Minn., she is a graduate of Carleton College and Harvard Divinity School. She is a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

United Theological Seminary opened in September 1972 with 50 students and 10 faculty members, the first ecumenical seminary in mainline Protestantism in the current era. Formed from the merger of the School of Theology at Yankton, Minn., and Mission House Theological Seminary of Plymouth, Wis., its founders celebrated the legacy of both schools and were persuaded that the church needed to reflect theologically on its primary purpose and mission and on issues that were foremost in society. United has a distinguished faculty and continues to offer fine preparation for the ministry and chaplaincy and for those who seek to enhance their services to the community through community organization or professions such as the arts and law by studying theology.

## Open House for Service Member

Long-time church member Brad Huber is being deployed on April 24<sup>th</sup>; his destination is Iraq for a year. Brad's family is hosting an open house as a send-off on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The party will be at Brad's sister Jennie's home. Please call Ken or Jan Huber if you have questions or need directions.



## A Night on the Street

On Friday, April 16, 2010, the Y.A.H.O.O. (Youth Aspiring to Help Out Others) 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 4, 2010. Parental permission is required for youth to participate in this event. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce at (651) 238-4644.



## Agape: God's Love for Us ALL

The UCC Regional Youth Event with the theme "Agape: God's Love for Us ALL" will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on July 14-18, 2010. This will be a time for youth across our region to gather, share in our faith stories, and have a lot of fun! Please contact Bruce Fiedler ASAP for registration information.



## Death in the Church Family

Long-time church member Burrell (Bill) Board died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Services were held at Kok Funeral Home in Cottage Grove on Sunday, March 28, with Pastor Gold officiating. Burial was on Monday, March 22 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Sympathies may be sent to Isabel Board at 8140 83rd St S, Cottage Grove, 55016.



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

First of all I would like to thank Women's Fellowship and especially Elaine Mitchell for spearheading the yarn fund raising for the Marvelous Mitten Makers. Secondly I would like to thank everyone who donated yarn, fleece, batting, cash and gift cards to this project. With these very generous donations from you a large number of warm, cozy mittens, hats, scarves, afghans, and quilts will be made by the 160 people who make this project so very successful. I am truly blessed to be a member of this very caring church family.



Love, Hugs, and Prayers,  
Judy Bonnevier, Coordinator, Marvelous Mitten Makers

## "Thank You and God Bless You

"Sometimes, God answers prayers through special people like you. Thank you so much."

Words cannot begin to express how thankful and grateful Jamie, Alexander and I are for all of your thoughts, prayers, and cards. We appreciate every one of you for everything you do!



With love,  
The Roberts Family (Adam, Jamie, and Alexander)

## Coming Up in Worship

### Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday

NO Sunday School  
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
9:30 a.m. Celebration Service

### Sunday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship with New Members Joining  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

### Sunday, April 18

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

### Sunday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship

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### Participating in Worship in April

Head Usher—Ken Huber  
Altar Team—Midge Youngquist  
Liturgist—Wes Hillman  
Communion Preparation—Jan and Ken Huber

### Participating in Worship in May

Head Usher—Bob Janicek  
Altar Team—Susan Berndt  
Liturgist—  
Communion Preparation—  
Bob and Bobbi Jo Janicek

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