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The Chronicle

A monthly newsletter of The First United Church of Christ, Congregational
300 Union Street, Northfield, Minnesota 55057
An Open and Affirming, Just Peace Church


Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

9:50-11:15 a.m. Childcare for
infants through age 2

10:00 a.m. Worship &
Communion 
(by Intinction)

Scriptures: Jeremiah 17:7-8,
Luke 8:4-15,
John 6:35

Sermon "Growing" 

10:15 a.m. First Sunday
of the Month Activities after
Children's Time

11:00 a.m. Distribution of
Stewardship Packets (Hallway
in front of the church offices)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m. Junior High Parents
Meeting (Junior High Lounge)

11:15 a.m. Youth Bells
(grades 6-8)

11:30 a.m. Sunday Forum:
Stewardship led by Rev. Sandy
Johnson (in the back of the
Sanctuary)

11:30 a.m. College Luncheon -
Please meet in the back of the
Sanctuary


6:00-7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth
Group (grades 9-12)

Sunday, October 12

9:50-11:15 a.m. Childcare for
infants through age 2

10:00 a.m. Worship, Spirit Voices
sing

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16,
Matthew 26:26-29,
John 6:35

Sermon: "Making" 

10:15 a.m. Sunday
School (age 3-grade 6)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School Parents
Meeting (Assembly Room)

11:00 a.m. Distribution of
Stewardship Packets (Hallway
in front of the church offices)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (hosted
by Arthur & Georgiana
Campbell)

11:20 a.m. PS with Pastor Sandy:
I will lead the Inquirers' Class
for those who want to learn
more about the church and may
be considering membership

11:30 a.m. Sunday Forum: Borg,
The Heart of Christianity,
Chapter 3, "The Bible: The
Heart of the Tradition".
Discussion led by bill
Poehlmann, St. Olaf Religion
Department


Sunday, October 19

Deadline to turn in New Member
forms

9:50-11:15 a.m. Childcare for
infants through age 2

10:00 a.m. Worship, Adult Bells
Scriptures: John 6:1-14,

John 6:35

Sermon: "Sharing" 

10:15 a.m. Sunday
School (age 3-grade 6)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Junior High
Youth Group (grades 7 & 8)

11:30 a.m. Sunday Forum: Borg,
The Heart of Christianity,
Chapter 4, "God: The Heart
of Reality". Discussion led by
Herb Frey

6:00-7:30 p.m. Senior High Youth
Group (grades 9-12)

Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday

9:50-11:15 a.m. Childcare for
infants through age 2

10:00 a.m. Worship, Rainbow &
Angel choirs sing

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Sermon: "Back to Basics"

10:15 a.m. Sunday School (age 3-
grade 6)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (hosted
by Doug & Jan Mead)

11:30 a.m. Sunday Forum: Borg,
The Heart of Christianity,
Chapter 5, "Jesus: The Heart of
God" (Ross Shoger)

11:30 a.m. PS With Pastor Sandy:
I'll be talking about my hobby
of quilt-making and particularly
about "Quilts of Valor."



Sunday, November 2

Scriptures: Matthew 23:1-12

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon: Leading Faithfully
No Sunday Forum – Please join us for the Harvest Meal.

11:00 a.m. Harvest Meal

Everyone is invited to attend. The menu will include lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and pie baked by the Parish Life & Fellowship Committee (PLF) members! We are asking for a suggested donation of \$3.00 per individual or \$10.00 per family to cover the cost of the meal. See you there!

The PLF Committee

First UCC college-age members

The College Committee would like to stay in touch with our own young people at college or in the work force. Please contact the church office with current e-mail or postal addresses, and refer to the College Committee.



Are you missing kitchen items?

Or have you left behind tableware, bowls, pans, etc. Please, claim your items! You will find them on the lower shelves on your right as you enter the church kitchen.



In our Prayers

Lois Langerak, mourning the death of her brother

Dorothea Hrossowyc, Nancy Casper, and others who were part of anti-war demonstrations in St. Paul

Rev. Nancy Peebles, Minister at the Congregational UCC in Faribault, recovering from a fall

Jerry Mohrig, recovering from recent surgery

Cal Daniel, grandson of Phi LaMarche, being treated for brain cancer

Mary Lewis Grow, mourning the death of her mother Eleanor Dewey

Family, friends, and former students of Henry Gustafson, mourning his recent death

Those participating in the Peace Intention Experiment

The people in Alamosa, Colorado (where our youth serve on their summer mission trip), where immigration laws are tough and at harvest time as many as 100 people live in one house.

Charles and Lois Messner, traveling back east; Charles was in the hospital to receive a heart pacemaker and is recuperating well

Evelyn Holden (Dorothea Hrossowyc's mother-in-law), celebrating her 95th birthday

Midwestern farmers, worried about the harvesting of their crops

Rev. Loren McGrail (who preached her on September 21), recuperating from shoulder surgery

Church Office Hours

June through August
Monday through Thursday
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

September through May
Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Dear friends,

I think that most of you imagine that I sit in my office and think of what I will say in my sermon each week. That may be how some ministers do it, but it is not my practice.

I work on my sermons all week long. After church each Sunday I put away the materials I used for that week's sermon and assemble what I will need for the coming week: a copy of the lectionary texts, pages from our curriculum "Seasons of the Spirit," pages from a publication called "Pulpit Resource," plus whatever other notes and ideas I have jotted down and put in the folder.

I try to take a few minutes to read the text, and to reflect a little on the title I have chosen (that gets done while I am preparing for the Chronicle each month).

Tuesday at noon, I delve into the texts with the Bible Study group that meets then (you're invited to join us - you don't have to prepare ahead of time, and we're always glad for new ideas and perspectives). Wednesday morning, I dive in again, this time with a group of Northfield clergy that I have been meeting with for more than 10 years.

Either Tuesday or Wednesday I choose the hymns and other elements for the Sunday service. As I hope you can tell, I try to match the theme and the mood of the upcoming sermon to the music we will be singing together. Often I also have to work in one of our special events - a baptism, commissioning, holiday, or the like.

The rest of the week I carry the texts and the ideas around with me, letting them "simmer." I ponder while I take my daily walk, and often when I am driving. I like to say that this is the time I am really *writing* the sermon.

When I *write it down*, though, is almost always on Saturday. That's from preference, not procrastination. I like having the words and ideas freshly in my mind on Sunday morning, and working on Saturday is one way to do that. (Yes, alas, it does limit my Saturday evening social life...)

If you have read the written versions of my sermons, you know that they sometimes change a bit between the manuscript and the pulpit. Sometimes I am surprised, too, at some of the new phrases and thoughts that come to me as I am actually preaching the sermon.

What I may not have conveyed in this description is how deeply this process anchors my spiritual life during the week. Walking in and with a text for six or seven days is a way of both study and prayer for me. Moreover, I do not so much *think up* what I will say as I *receive* it and shape it.

Grace and Peace, *Sandy*

PS: Just a reminder that copies of the sermons are available in the south vestibule (parking lot entrance) and on our website (www.firstucc.org).

PS with Pastor Sandy

PS stands for "Post-Service with Pastor Sandy," a new set of opportunities after church on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Sometimes we will just talk about the sermon, sometimes about current events, and sometimes I will have an activity or topic for you. Here's the lineup for the first month:

October 12: I will lead the Inquirers' Class for those who want to learn more about the church and may be considering membership

October 26: I'll be talking about my hobby of quilt-making and particularly about "Quilts of Valor."

Our Website

Are you reading www.firstucc.org?

It's the place to find an up-to-date church calendar, Sandy's sermons, and details about church activities and events.

If you have suggestions or questions about the website, check with Pastor Sandy or with our bookkeeper, Andrea Pegram, who is the staff person working on it.



Stewardship: Growing, Making, Sharing

We're sure you will agree that we are truly blessed to have the opportunity to share our time, talents, and financial resources with others. It is through our contributions that we affirm our love of our Creator and provide support for the mission of the First United Church of Christ in Northfield.

Our pledge drive for 2009 begins on Sunday, October 5th, with the distribution of pledge packets to members and friends. We ask for your help in making this a successful campaign to reach our financial goals. We wish to increase pledges for local expenses in 2009 by 7% to reach a goal of \$300,000. This goal reflects the cost of living increase for our staff as well as funds to meet increased maintenance and other priorities for 2009. Additionally, we wish to increase pledges for our church's wider mission (OCWM) by 3% to reach a total of \$71,000.

Our pledge donations for the first six months of 2008 were on track to meet our goals for this year. Can we continue this level of success into the next year? Can we continue to share our God-given talents and God-given resources with others in our community and elsewhere? Of course we can. Our congregation has a 150-year history of meeting its financial commitments to our church and to our wider mission. We can do it again in 2009 and we will.

The majority of pledges in our church are for less than \$1000. We are grateful for all of these gifts, especially those that represent a significant commitment from those with limited means. If your decision is to make a \$1000 pledge (about \$20 each week) for local expenses, it will go a long way in meeting this very important 2009 goal.

Some people of faith continue to tithe - to contribute 10% of their income. In modern times, that often takes the form of 5% to a faith community and 5% to other charities and causes. There are people in our faith community who year after year make very significant monetary donations to our church. God bless you for your generosity. You provide a strong foundation in meeting the expenses and supporting the various programs of our church.

Please know that every gift of whatever size is greatly appreciated. We ask that you prayerfully and thoughtfully make a financial contribution toward extending the work of First UCC into the future.

Sincerely,

First UCC
Stewardship Committee
*(Tracy Fossum, Michael Garlitz,
Sandra Johnson, Douglas Kriesel,
Nalani McCutcheon,
Elizabeth Olson, Robert Reitz,
Matt Rohn, Gary Wagenbach)*

Sesquicentennial Campaign Update

The Sesquicentennial campaign was developed to help cover major costs of maintaining and improving our historic church building, important outreach initiatives the church has chosen to undertake to observe the 150th anniversary of its founding, and expenses associated with the Sesquicentennial observance. Thanks to our congregation's generous support, we have collected 91% of our three-year Sesquicentennial Pledge thus far. The campaign is coming to a close this year, and the church is happy to accept donations (both pledged and unpledged) through December 31. Please make checks payable to "First UCC" and include "Sesqui" on the memo line.



2009 Budget Requests

It's that time of year again - budgeting! All First UCC committees and staff have received 2009 Budget Request Forms in their church mailbox.

Please carefully contemplate, complete, and return these forms to the bookkeeper, Andrea Pegram, no later than Wednesday, October 15. (Committees, this will give you one more formal meeting in which to discuss and finalize your request.) Questions? Please contact Andrea at 645-7532 or andreapegram@firstucc.org.



Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group will next meet on Monday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing portions of the book, *The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life*, by Joan Chittister. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women and join in a variety of activities during the year. All women of the church and their friends are welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to order the book in a group order which will be going out soon, please call Cathy Cammack at 645-7532 or Mary Carlson at 645-4593.



Men's Group Retreat

The Men's Discussion Group will be held on Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8, beginning with luncheon, at the Mt. Olivet Retreat Center, 20 minutes from Northfield. All men of UCC are welcome. The retreat lasts for 24 hours and offers fellowship, wonderful hiking paths, swimming, good meals, double occupancy rooms, discussions and a movie. Sign up at the church office, or call Ed Lufkin at 663-9022 for more information.

Welcoming New Members

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of our congregation, you are invited to an Inquirers' Meeting on Sunday,

October 12 after worship. Those who decide to join will meet again on Sunday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We'll welcome the new members on Sunday, November 9, during our morning service.

Call the church office for more information.



Pastoral Ponderings

It's a bit quiet here today. Yesterday was Homecoming Sunday, and the church was filled with energy and excitement as children started their Sunday school classes, fall programs began, and we all gathered for a wonderful potluck meal. Today, the only reminders of it are a few odd dishes waiting to be reclaimed.

I had to get up early yesterday morning to make my salad and casserole for the potluck. As I was driving down here, I realized something about myself; I love potlucks. Yes, I confess. I love fixing a dish to share, and I enjoy choosing the serving dish for it. Why?

The answer to this is what I refer to as my "Tupperware Bowl Theory". Growing up in the small family in which I did, family dinners were not huge events. If we went to Grandma and Grandpa's for dinner, Grandma cooked. If they came to our house, Mom and Dad cooked. No one brought a "dish to share". Years later I married into a family that had monthly extended family dinners. The host would make the main dish, and all others brought something to contribute

to the meal. It was exciting for me to be able to participate in these gatherings. And, as a result, because I needed serving and transporting containers, I was invited to and welcomed at many Tupperware parties!

I now realize that this potluck idea is much deeper than just helping with the food budget. It is about contribution, and it is about belonging. When a community, whether it is family, neighborhood, or faith, comes together to share a meal, contributing to that meal is a symbol of being a part of that community. It feeds more than our bodies. It feeds our sense of membership in that group.

We do the same when we share worship. We bring our gifts and talents, joys and concerns, and song and prayer to the service. The more we participate, the more we feel we belong. The container we bring is our self--body, mind, and spirit.

Come to think of it....maybe Jesus created the first potluck when he encouraged the young boy to come forward with his little basket of loaves and fish. It's probably good I wasn't there; I would have rushed forward to put it all in a "burp and seal" container.

Peace always, *Cathy*

P.S. For those who are looking for a book that just may feed your soul, please consider reading [The Shack](#), by William P. Young. All I can say is, "Amazing!"



Shawl Knitting Group

The Shawl Knitting Group that meets at First UCC on the first Thursday of each month will meet again at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2nd. Bring your shawls to knit, your questions, and yourselves to learn.

Congregational Care Council

If you are a person who feels strongly about the pastoral care of our congregation, please consider joining the Congregational Care Council in January. This group meets monthly on the second Monday evening of the month.

Please call Cathy Cammack (645-7532, ext. 203) if you may be interested.



Keep signing the Welcome Pads

Long-time members of First UCC often wonder why they should sign the welcome pads in the pews every week. The New Member Committee would like you to know that we certainly aren't taking attendance! But your participation in signing the pads every week will encourage others in the pew to sign as well. If newcomers notice that no one else in the pew has bothered to sign, they will be much less likely to do so.

It seems like every time we meet, the New Member Committee wonders whether we should make a change what seems like a very

inefficient system. We have considered many alternatives and continue to think that this is the best way to encourage visitors to let us know who they are, and a bit about what brings them here.

So although it isn't particularly efficient, it *is* very effective. We hope you will continue to pass and sign the pads, and to send them back along to the starting point so that newcomers will know that it is important to us.



Prayer Chain

Call Cathy at church if you have a prayer need for the prayer chain or if you want to join the prayer chain. This requires no meetings, no contributions--just your agreement to hold the needs of others in your personal prayer intentions.

Neighbors in Need - Another World is Possible

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on November 2, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues.

Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC.

One third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska.

Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs our support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: www.ucc.org/nin.

From the Service and Social Responsibility Committee

Christian Education



Children

(Nursery available for infants-two years of age.)

10:15 a.m. School Year Sunday School for ages 3 through grade 6, (after Children's Time during worship).

- Curriculum: Seasons of the Spirit
www.spiritseasons.com

October 5: 1st Sunday of the Month

Multi-age class for ages 3 through Grade 3; Grades 4-6 will participate in worship with their families. Children will return for communion.

- Curriculum: Godly Play
www.godlyplay.org
- Leaders: Shana Hodel, Cher Duys

Beginning on October 5, Tammy, our child care staff person, will supervise children through grade 6 in the Big Room on Sunday school level.

- Games, books and snacks provided.
- We hope this will enable parents to participate in coffee hour and the Sunday forums while the children will be having fun and building friendships.

On October 12 a Parents Meeting will be held in the Assembly during worship, after children leave for classes.

Beginning October 12 children will be returning to worship at 11:00 a.m.

This intentional decision, by the children's committee, will support our children's faith formation by allowing them to:

- Participate in more worship rituals
- Feel more a part of our church family

On October 26 both second and third graders will receive bibles during worship. Bible exploration, after worship, with Pastor Sandy.

Pockets magazines and board books in name tag kiosk.

The children's worship bags are hanging up outside the south-east Sanctuary door.

The children's books, cd's and videos are in the children's library on the Sunday School level.

Junior High Youth

Group (for grades 7 & 8) will be held on Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please check email for more info. Not on the list? Send your email to Cher.

On October 5 a Parents Meeting will be held at 11:15 a.m. in the Junior High Lounge. Planning parent supported activities for the year.

Senior High Youth (for grades 9-12) usually on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please check email for updates. Not on list? Send your email to Cher.

October 5: Meeting at church

October 17-19 Conference Youth Event @ Pilgrim Point Camp.



Adults/ Intergenerational

Adult Ed Sponsors Sunday Forums this Year: Shortly after service, mature minds of all ages (high school – retirement) are encouraged to come to the Sanctuary for presentations and discussions on various topics. Childcare will be provided until 12:30 p.m. downstairs each Sunday.

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October 19 - Borg, The Heart of Christianity, Chapter 4, "God: The Heart of Reality". Discussion led by Herb Frey.

October 26 - Borg, The Heart of Christianity, Chapter 5, "Jesus, The Heart of God". Discussion led by Ross Shoger.

Preschool Leader needed to team teach with Beth Kallestad. Please contact Cher Duys.

Sunday School Helpers: Please support our children by signing up on the helper rotation sheet on bulletin board across from office.



Summer Sunday School: God Calls Us Around the World: The Wonderful World of Mission Thanks

to all who led the multi-age class this summer!

We celebrate that their offering will buy a stove (\$210.) for a Guatemalan family, in partnership with UCC Global Ministries!

Our Story: A Photography Exhibit will open October 12th at First UCC

Our church will host the unique Sabeel collection of photos of contemporary everyday life for individuals and families in Palestine /Israel. It was created by Sabeel, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement among Palestinian Christians. Sabeel is engaged in a variety of programs in Israel and the West Bank to encourage people of faith to develop a spirituality of non-violence and to empower them to work for justice, peace and reconciliation.

It works with children and youth to give hope and education for the future and with women and men to develop leadership. It also sponsors dialogue between Palestinian Christians, Muslims and Jews and Christian leaders in other countries.

Take time to see this exhibit October 12-31 and learn from their story, which involves us all.

SSR Committee

Children's Music News



Angel Choir (age 4 through Kindergarten)
3:30 to 4:15 p.m.



Rainbow Choir (grades 1-5)
4:15 to 5:15 p.m.



Youth Bells (grades 6-8) will take place on the first Sunday of the month following worship. We will meet on October 5, November 2, and December 7. We will only have 3 rehearsals, so don't miss any!



Senior Choir
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

exceptional childcare. You are also welcome to stop and visit any time. Just for fun. Thank you, sincerely.

NDC Staff

Northfield Daycare has openings

Northfield Daycare Center is a nonprofit childcare center located in the sunny basement of this church. We have been in business for 38 years. We are licensed for 20 children. Currently we have an enrollment of 11. A number of factors have contributed to this predicament, the economy and the many new childcare centers that have opened up in Northfield recently being the main reasons. This, and 10 children going off to kindergarten have made a big impact on our situation. We have always been always been full, or nearly so. Many of you know this because your children attended NDC. This not the case currently.

We would greatly appreciate members passing this information on to anyone that is looking for

Ongoing Church Activities

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Opportunity	Contact Person	When Offered/ More Information	Sign-up required? Start Date
MUSIC			
Senior Choir (Junior High, Senior High, and Adults)	Chris Brunelle 663-0953 chrisbrunelle@firstucc.org	7:00-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays & 9:00 a.m. Sundays September 2008–May 2009	Come any time
Spirit Voices (Senior High, and Adults)	Bob Gregory-Bjorklund 663-8889 bobgregory@firstucc.org	Practice on two Wednesdays per month at 8:15-9:15 p.m. Repertoire includes Gospel, Spirituals, and Global Music	Come join us – whether you sing a little or sing a lot
Rainbow Choir (Grades 1 thru 5)	Janet Lewis Muth 650-0909 janetmuth@firstucc.org	4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesdays September 10, 2008 - May 13, 2009	Starts September 10
Angel Choir (Age 4 thru Kindergarten)	Janet Lewis Muth 650-0909 janetmuth@firstucc.org	3:30-4:15 p.m. Wednesdays September 10, 2008 – May 13, 2009	Starts September 10
Adult Bell Choir	Mary Dunnewold 663-7123	To be determined	Sign up required
Youth Bell Choir (Grades 6, 7, 8)	Janet Lewis Muth 650-0909 janetmuth@firstucc.org	Practice 11:15-12:30 p.m. on the 1 st Sunday of month (October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2008),	Must come to first rehearsal
SUNDAY EDUCATION			
School Year Sunday School (Age 3 through grade 6)	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	After Children’s Time in Sunday Worship	September 14, 2008– May 17, 2009
Summer Sunday School (Age 3 - Grade 3; Grade 4-5 helpers)	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	Father’s Day through last Sunday in August	
Youth Opportunities (Grades 7 and 8)	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	11:15-12:30 Sundays	September 14, 2008– May 17, 2009
Grades 9 -12 Senior High Youth	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	1 st and 3 rd Sundays of each month, 6:00-7:30 p.m.	September 14, 2008- April 20, 2009
Grade 9 CY (Confirmation Youth)	Sandy Johnson 645-7532 ext. 201 sandyjohnson@firstuuc.org		Fall 2009

OTHER GROUPS, ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION

Multi-generational Advent Gatherings	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	December 3, 10, 17	
Bible Study	Sandy Johnson 645-7532 ext. 201 sandyjohnson@firstucc.org	12:00-1:15 p.m. Tuesdays	Come any time
Children and Youth Ministries	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	Many options!	
Crop Walk	Anne Meyer-Ruppel 663-0895 Service & Social Responsibility Committee	2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, at St. John's Church	Sign-up required
Habitat for Humanity Rice County	hfhricecounty@gmail.com	Various Times Winter/Spring 2007	Sign-up required
Knitting Prayer Shawls	Adrie Mohrig 645-7738 Liz Hankins 664-3935	10:00-11:30 a.m. 1 st Thursday of each month	September-May Come any time
Koinonia Groups	Jan Shoger 645-5236	Spirituality groups. Meet twice a month for dinner and discussion	Come any time
Lenten Gatherings	Deacons	Wednesdays during Lent	During Lent
Nine to Dine Dinner Fellowship	Anne Larson 663-1675 Parish Life & Fellowship Committee	Potluck dinners in different homes. 4 times/year	New groups for in January 2008
Pilgrim Point Camp	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	Camps for children, youth, adults, and families	
Senior High Mission Trip	Cher Duys 645-7532 ext. 205 cherduys@firstucc.org	July 24-August 3, 2009 Details to be announced	
Softball Team "Fighting Apostles"	Scott Richardson 645-8475	May through mid-August	
Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Point	Liz Hankins 664-3935	Usually during September	Sign-up required
WOW's Wise Older Women	Jane McWilliams 645-8423	Monthly	Sign-up requested
Women's Spirituality Group	Cathy Cammack 645-7532 cathycammack@firstucc.org	Various Times	Come any time
Men's Group	Ed Lufkin 663-9022 Jerry Mohrig 645-7738	Usually meets 2 times per month (1 afternoon and 1 morning for breakfast)	Call ahead
Holiday Stress Reduction	Bob Bruce 645-9279	Saturday mornings during Advent and Lent	All are welcome
Grief Group	Cathy Cammack 645-7532 cathycammack@firstucc.org	Various Times	Sign-up requested
Other Great Ideas	You!		Show your interest on September 14

Social Justice www.ucctakeaction.org

UCC National Website www.ucc.org

CALENDAR



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2008 Holiday Greens Order Form - Senior High Fundraiser

*Return this form with payment to: First UCC Church office, 300 Union Street, Northfield, Minnesota 55057
by Sunday, October 26th. Sorry, but orders without payment will not be accepted.*

_____ Number of 24' balsam wreaths @ \$15.00 each.

Total amount attached \$_____.00

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

*All wreaths ordered must be picked up from Sunday, November 16 through Sunday, November 30.
Wreaths not picked up by Sunday, November 30 will be resold or donated.*