



FIRST UNITED
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The Chronicle

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

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

June Worship Services

Sunday, June 5, 2011:

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion led by Jerry Hankins
Sermon: Jerry Hankins
Readings: TBD
Baptism of Calvin Detert
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in Recognition of the Choirs



Sunday, June 12, 2011 (Pentecost):

10:00 a.m. Worship led by Bill Poehlmann
Sermon: "Changes" by Carol Rutz
Readings: Numbers 11:24-30 and Acts 2:1-21
Baptism of Autumn Carson (presided by Gary Kasten)
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour



Sunday, June 19, 2011 (Trinity Sunday):

10:00 a.m. Worship led by John Severson
Sermon: John Severson

Readings: TBD
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 26, 2011:

10:00 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Cindy Mueller
Sermon: Rev. Cindy Mueller
Readings: TBD
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour



Sunday, July 3, 2011:

10:00 a.m. Worship at Valley Grove led by Rev. Cindy Mueller
11:00 a.m. Picnic Lunch with Dessert Potluck. All worshipers are invited to stay in this peaceful setting for a picnic lunch. Each family is asked to bring: their own picnic meal and dishes; a dessert to share with others; and a blanket or folding lawn chair if you are uncomfortable sitting directly on the grass. Lemonade will be provided.

Directions to Valley Grove Church:

- Go South on 246 (Division Street) past the High School.
- Continue on 246 for approximately 10 miles. Don't forget to turn South (right) on 246 where it turns just before you get to Dennison.
- Turn West (right) on County 30. The church is on the South (left) side of the road – about one mile.

Or take the scenic route:

- Go South on County 246 (Division Street) past the High School.
- At the sign for Valley Grove Road (Route 30, also Hall Avenue), turn South (right).
- At the stop sign turn left on to 135th Street.
- At the next stop sign, turn right on Ibsen.
- At the following stop sign, turn left on Route 30, Johnson Trail.
- Valley Grove Church is on the right side of the road about 0.9 mile from the stop sign.



Welcome Reverend Cindy Mueller

The Rev. Cindy Mueller of Buffalo, Minnesota will become our Interim Bridge Minister on June 21st. Her first sermon will be on Sunday, June 26th.

After reading and interviewing several candidates, we are very excited about the match of Cindy's many skills to those we need to accomplish many tasks during these next months—and she is full of energy! You will enjoy her!

Please continue reading for information about Cindy's background.

~ The Committee: Mary Doezeema Cooper, Susannah Ottaway, Phil Parsons, Suzanne Riesman, and Molly Woebelin. Please call us if you have any questions.

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### Autobiographical Information:

#### The Rev. Cindy Mueller

##### Family:

Married to the Rev. Dr. Jeff Palmer; Pastor at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Maple Lake, MN.

Mother of three – Hope, who is in High School, Brad, who just completed his Sophomore year at Drake University in Des Moines, IA, and her oldest, Peter, who is married with two children and is an architect for HGA in Minneapolis.

Her three siblings and mother reside in the Twin City area.

##### Educational Background:

U of M; Twin Cities - *Bachelors of Science in Adolescent Development and Chemical Dependency* – focus on Family Systems

Chicago Theological Seminary; *Master of Divinity*

Interim Ministry Network; Certified as an Interim Clergy Leadership Institute; Certified as an Appreciative Transitional Interim

##### Denominational Standing and Credentials:

With the MN Conference of the United Church of Christ after having been ordained in 1987.

##### Experience:

She has served as an installed, “permanent” pastor in two different churches in Wisconsin, then felt called to enter Interim Ministry. She has served ten churches throughout her 24 years of ministry.

Currently, she is serving Waconia Moravian Church. They just last week announced the name of their new pastor, Amy Gohdes-Luhman (from Main St. Moravian Church in Northfield).

##### Home:

Currently she resides with her family (and their two golden retrievers) out in the country between Buffalo and Montrose, MN, on a branch of the Crow River. She plans to reside in Prior Lake (with either her sister or her mother) while serving in Northfield.

*“It is because of my deep faith, and commitment to utilizing my God-given gifts, that I have dedicated my life’s ministry to aiding the church of Jesus Christ as it goes through the challenging and exciting time an interim period offers a local congregation. I see each call to a faith community as a journey ‘pregnant with possibilities.’ I look forward to beginning that journey at First United Church of Christ in Northfield beginning June 21st. In the meantime, blessings to you all as you complete another program year.”*

~ Rev. Cindy Mueller



#### Goodbye Elaine

After 21 years of service, Elaine Frandrup has resigned and is returning to school. Elaine will be missed but we understand that she needs full-time employment. Volunteers will be covering the office until we have a new person in place.

If you wish to send a note to Elaine, her home address is as follows:

Elaine Frandrup  
26736 Fischer Avenue  
Randolph, MN 55065



#### Office Manager Position

Due to Elaine’s departure, we now are seeking an Office Manager to work Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The ideal candidate will be well organized, friendly, detail oriented, able to multi-task, and possess good communication and computer skills.

Do you perhaps know someone who may be interested and qualify for this position? If so, please encourage them to send a resume and cover letter to [firstuccpersonnel@gmail.com](mailto:firstuccpersonnel@gmail.com). In addition to a competitive wage plus 12% fringe benefits, this position offers the additional benefit of mid-day hours, providing flexibility to someone with other time demands such as school schedules.

~ Shannon Garlitz & Phil Kasten



## Congratulations to our Graduates

- Sam Alberg, son of Gretchen Hofmeister and Dave Alberg
- Melanie Beaver, daughter of Gale and Kevin Boesche
- Katie Carlson, daughter of Carolyn Link and Peter Carlson
- Peter Davidson, son of Karen and Cameron Davidson
- Jacob Fure-Slocum, son of Carolyn and Eric Fure-Slocum
- Logan Mueller-Dahl, son of Julia and Mark Mueller-Dahl
- Ella Ohnesorge, daughter of Allison and Clark Ohnesorge
- Elena Ondich, daughter of Mary Dunnewold and Jeff Ondich
- Laurel Thompson, daughter of Kari Christensen and Dick Thompson



## Strawberry Festival

June is here so it must be time for the annual Strawberry Fest! We on the Congregational Care Council have chosen Tuesday, June 28 at 2:00 in the afternoon for this year's Fest. Everyone in our church family is invited for we know that by late June the strawberries will be ripe and ready for eating! Besides the delicious strawberries topped with "real" whipped cream, there will be ample time for socializing and a musical program to enjoy. Anyone who plans to attend and who would like a ride to the Fest should call the church office by Friday afternoon, June 24. The Strawberry Fest has proven to be a "fun" afternoon for all as we welcome the sunny, warm days of summer. Do come and join us!

~ Barbara Crouter



## Minnesota Conference UCC Annual Meeting

Representatives of the UCC congregations in Minnesota will be gathering for our annual meeting June 10-12 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Our delegates this year are Rev. Cindy Mueller, Liz Hankins, and Jerry Hankins.



## New Religious Artwork

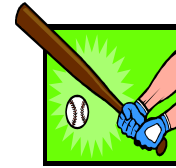
The Arts Committee has acquired four works of art by the Minnesota artist Michon Weeks.

The four paintings, done in egg tempera on wood, portray scenes from the life of Christ as recorded in the New Testament. The objects in the paintings are simplified, flattened and cropped. Hieratic scale is used, representing the size of things according to their importance, rather than how they would appear in the real world.

Born and raised in Washburn, Iowa, Michon Weeks attended Iowa State University where she earned a BA in Art in 1984, and the University of Minnesota, where she earned an MFA in Painting and Drawing in 1990. She is an adjunct instructor in the Art Program at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, teaching drawing, painting, and foundations of art. Michon's work is as much informed by her early background of learning to sew and embroider as by her enthusiasm for listening to African American Spirituals. More information can be found at [www.michonweeks.com](http://www.michonweeks.com).

They are currently installed in the lobby at the East entrance.

~ Lynne Severson



## 2011 Fighting Apostles Softball Game Schedule

- Sunday, June 5, 4:50 p.m. vs. St. Peter's Boys of Sumner (Babcock Park)
- Sunday, June 12, 7:10 p.m. vs. St. Dominic's White (Babcock Park)
- Sunday, June 19, 4:50 p.m. vs. Methodist Maroon (Sechler One)
- Sunday, June 26, 6:00 p.m. vs. Trondhjem (Babcock Park)

~ Scott Richardson

### Church Office Hours

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# PILGRIM POINT

**camps & retreats.**

**1st Annual 1st UCC Retreat  
to Pilgrim Point - All  
Generations Welcome!**

*July 22-24, 2011 - email  
phil.kasten@mcquay.com  
NOW to express interest (to  
reserve accommodations and  
possibly a charter bus).*

Please mark your calendars:  
There will be an opportunity to learn more and see a DVD on the camp after church on Sunday, June 12th in the Sanctuary.

Pilgrim Point Camp is our Minnesota Conference UCC Church Camp on Lake Ida near Alexandria. We will arrive for (Friday dinner and stay through Sunday morning. This is open to everyone of all ages and family types. We welcome everyone to join for an intergenerational gathering in a beautiful and spiritual lakefront setting.

There will be another UCC church attending as well, and the Pilgrim Point Program Managers have indicated they are interested in building a sense of community among all of the camp participants, in addition to helping individual churches explore being in community in playful, joyful ways. Not only will we be

enjoying one another in a new and beautiful lake setting on the point, the staff are looking to equip us with tools to continue this faith practice when we return home.

There will be at least two facilitated intergenerational activities each day in addition to five meals (no cooking!), vespers campfire, a sandy swimming beach with an aquaslide and lifeguards. Plans are underway for nature hikes, and there are several playgrounds and a ball field (Fighting Apostles?). We might even be arranging for boat rides! We'll start with an all-camp folk dance on Friday night, a craft and game activity on Saturday morning, and a variety show on Saturday night! There will be time on Saturday afternoon for us to each engage in activities as an individual congregation as well. We are also looking for volunteers to offer to lead whatever might be of interest.

The accommodations are comfortable and clean, with new mattresses in 2011. There is a dining hall as well as a large common room in our church's lodge with sofas, tables for puzzles and games, etc. The camp is on a prominent point extending from the east shore into the middle off the lake, with many waterfront activities (including lifeguards) and a large recreational area.

**We have over 50 already planning on the retreat and are looking for more to sign up!** Bring your 9 to dine group? Invite your friends? We will need volunteer help as well, so let me know if you'd like to help - would appreciate volunteers for programming and a small organizing committee to come forward to coordinate, publicize, etc.

Cost is estimated at ~\$20 per person for lodging **plus** a meal charge for five meals and snacks (required for all guests: 13 and up \$50; 4-12, \$36, under 3 free), with scholarships available if needed. We have also received an Outdoor Ministries Grant to offset some expense.

With enough interest, we can charter a coach bus - benefits include being "green," no driving or worrying about high gas prices or wear and tear on your vehicle, no need to stop for bathroom, no car seats, and no stress! Cost would be about \$35-40 per person.

For more information about Pilgrim Point, please visit their website at [www.pilgrimpoint.org](http://www.pilgrimpoint.org).

Thanks for the reply, **and please spread the word to others!**

Regards,  
Phil Kasten  
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phil.kasten@mcquay.com



## Church Council Corner

The May 18, 2011 Church Council meeting was focused on receiving and discussing updates on the many transitions taking place in our congregation. On behalf of the Bridge Search Committee, Molly Woehrlin announced Rev. Cindy Mueller has accepted the position of Interim Bridge Minister and will join us on June 21. The Committee expressed confidence that Cindy's skills and experience are a terrific match for our present needs and are excited that she will help lead us forward as we prepare for a permanent minister. The Council is grateful to the Deacons for arranging for pulpit supply and assisting with worship planning until Cindy joins us.

The Search and Call Committee has completed a draft of the congregational profile and has made copies available for review and comment in the Assembly Hall. As this document reflects what we want to tell candidates about ourselves, the public review process is especially important. After comments are incorporated, the profile and position announcement will be posted (likely early July), and the committee will begin to accept and review candidate profiles.

The Personnel Committee reported on their continued work associated with staffing transitions. In response to questions raised at the congregation's April 10 informational meeting, Ron Olson's severance package was enhanced with a supplement such that the total separation package would be equivalent to what he would have received for unemployment compensation for a six month period. The Committee has met with the Adult, Youth, and Christian Education Committees to plan the transition after Cher Langley

completes her ministry on May 29. Church Officers and members of Personnel have also met with Cathy Cammack, Pastoral Care Associate.

Elaine Frandrup has resigned as Office Manger, and members of the Personnel Committee and church officers have met with her. Elaine will be missed for her knowledge of our congregation and our members. Volunteers are currently staffing the church office and efforts are underway to find a replacement. With the many staff transitions taking place, the Council acknowledged the need for healing, and discussed ways to provide opportunities to do so.

Jen Winterfeldt, who will lead the youth mission trip this summer, updated the Council on their plans. Ten youth and three adults at present have committed to attending, they are looking for one additional adult participant. Jen reported that she has partnered with Cher to ensure that the transition is a smooth one. The Council acknowledged that while the transitions we're experiencing present challenges, we are also discovering new and innovative ways to carry out our shared ministry.

Finally, Phil Kasten reported that income over the first third is meeting budget although pledges are slightly lower than expected. Meanwhile, although our expenses are anything but typical this year, with accrued Personal Time Off (PTO) and other separation payments to staff, we are remaining below budget for 2011. Phil also noted that we are moving towards a more sustainable model for the future years.

~ Sarah Forster



## WFFF Program in the Summer

Mark June 22 @ 5:30 p.m. on your calendar and come to the church for a Wednesday evening of Food, Fun and Faith. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, have activities for children, and hopefully have a chance to meet our new Bridge Minister, Cindy Mueller.

If you and your family have been suffering from "WFFF Withdrawal," this is a chance to reconnect with your church friends!

~ Lynne Severson



## June Bell Ringers

June 5: Phil Parsons  
June 12: Scott Richardson  
June 19: Scott Richardson  
June 26: Leota Goodney

~ Gary Kasten



## Inquirers' Classes

For those persons wishing to know more about our Church and/or wishing to join, Inquirers' Classes will be held soon after the arrival of our new Interim Bridge Minister, Rev. Cindy Mueller. Thanks for being patient and understanding about the delay!

~ Jean Haslett



## Women at the Well

Women  
at the Well

Women at the Well will continue to meet over the summer. Our next group will be on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

~ Cathy Cammack



## Pastoral Ponderings

As many of you know, there have been considerable staff changes during the past several weeks. Three staff members, Ron, Cher, and Elaine, have left their long-held positions at First UCC.

Each day I get the same question: "Are you staying?" At this time my hope is to remain in my position as your Pastoral Care Associate. I believe in this work, and I have grown to love and care for the members of this church and the friends in the community.

I ask that we all hold First UCC in our prayers. As we prepare to meet the new interim and adjust to a smaller staff, let's all work to be patient and tolerant during this time of transition.

If you or any one you know is in need of pastoral care, please leave a message for me at church, or you may call my cell phone: 612-306-3281. My weekly hours will be posted on my office door and at the office desk.

In my favorite words of Julian of Norwich.....all shall be well.

Peace always,  
Cathy



## Women's Spirituality Group

The *Women's Spirituality Group* will not meet during June and July. We will resume our gatherings on Monday, August 22, 2011. Watch the bulletin and bulletin board for further information. I'll be looking at some new materials over the summer and hope to have some ideas for you to ponder. Your ideas are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Cathy at 645-7532.



## Service and Social Responsibility Committee Report

The SSR Committee approved funds to support the Senior High Mission trip, and provided \$500 for the students to present to the PALS agency in Alamosa, Colorado.

We extend our great appreciation for the generosity of the congregation in One Great Hour of Sharing. More than \$4000 was given to support the UCC's efforts to alleviate poverty and provide crisis relief around the world. We also thank those who took part in the Carbon Fast during Lent, and the continuing efforts to mitigate our environmental impact.

Coming up - an opportunity to Strengthen the Church with special contributions in June. This fund helps start new congregations and assists established churches in transition.

Also, the local Food Shelf is in need of volunteers on week days in June (various two hour shifts). Please contact Jan Mitchell (645-6734) to find a time for serving in this capacity.

If you are in search of summer reading, here some suggested titles you might find stimulating:

*God and Other Famous Liberals: Recapturing Bible, Flag and Family from the Far Right* by Forrest Church

*A Spiritual Field Guide: Meditations for the Outdoors* by Bernard Brady & Mark Neuzil

*A Generous Orthodoxy* by Brian McLaren

*The Bullhead Queen: A Year on Pioneer Lake* by Sue Leaf

*Integrity* by Stephen L. Carter

## Strengthen the Church Offering

On Sunday, June 12 – Pentecost – we will be receiving the **Strengthen the Church** special mission offering. Strengthen the Church is one of five denomination-wide giving opportunities offered during the year (the others are our own OCWM wider mission contributions, One Great Hour of Sharing (for international work in disaster relief, health, agriculture and education), Neighbors in Need (for ministries within the U.S.), and the Christmas Fund (for active and retired clergy with financial challenges)).

**Strengthen the Church** offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to invigorate congregations, foster new leaders and grow the UCC's presence as a community of extravagant welcome. Fifty percent of our Strengthen the Church gifts stay within the Minnesota Conference for leadership development and church growth work in our state.

The offering is typically received on Pentecost - the day we celebrate the founding of the Christian church. For more information, visit [www.ucc.org/stc/stc-frequently-asked.html](http://www.ucc.org/stc/stc-frequently-asked.html).

We encourage you to give generously.

~ *The Service and Social Responsibility Committee (SSR): Jan Mitchell, Barbara Cronter, Garda Kahn, Matt Robn, Mary Savina*



## First UCC Men's Group

The Men's Group at First UCC has been meeting since 2007, and has been a remarkably stable group of men who are mostly retired, mostly with professional backgrounds, and who enjoy talking with each other. We meet twice per month, usually on the first and third Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the month is in the church parlor at 4:15 p.m., and is aimed at unstructured conversation about ourselves.

Usually 6-8 men attend, and we adjourn at about 5:30 p.m. The next meeting, on the third Monday of the month, a breakfast gathering at 8:30 a.m., is attended by 12-14. We take turns with the cooking, and we always have a reading of some sort on a broad array of topics: essays, book chapters, selections from the New York Review of Books, some poetry: almost anything that might interest men in their retirement years.

The emphasis is on good food as well as good talk. This "breakfast group" adjourns by 10:00 a.m. In both gatherings we emphasize confidentiality, attentive listening to each other, and speaking our heart's own truth. Jerry Mohrig and Ed Lufkin have been the principle conveners of the groups, but we attempt to keep it "leaderless."

We also have held at least one retreat each year, which has been a 24 hr overnight function at the Mt. Olivet Conference Center near Farmington. This features three meals, planned discussions, walking in the beautiful woods, bird photography, swimming in the indoor pool, and an evening service with singing and a movie. After breakfast the next morning there is more discussion and we break before lunch.

The group is open to all. While most are UCC members, we have several with no church affiliation or from other denominations. This combination has created many memorable interactions and friendships, and we would welcome more participants as well.

### Men's Group Calendar for June

- First Monday Afternoon Group: June 6, 4:15 PM, Church Parlor
- Third Monday Breakfast: June 20, 8:30 AM, Assembly Room (Reading: Bill Haslett; Breakfast: Bill Woehrlin and ???)

~ Ed Lufkin



### Increase Your Pledge (or Make One!)

Remember that our yearly pledges have two parts – one that supports our *Operations Budget*, and the other that goes to *Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)*. Increasing your pledge for one or both of these is an easy way to show your appreciation for the church and to support its many ministries.

And if you haven't made a pledge this year, that would be a wonderful way to participate. Call the church office for the paperwork.

### It is Easy to Give!

If you donate cash, please put it in an envelope with your name and the specific way you would like the money to be used. That helps our record keeping and lets us send you a Giving Statement quarterly.

If you write a check, please use the memo line to let us know how the money should be used.

If you would like to donate online, go to our congregation's website

([www.firstucc.org](http://www.firstucc.org)) and follow the instructions there.

### Donate to a Special Offering

Several times a year you are invited to contribute to our UCC All-church offerings:

*One Great Hour of Sharing* (April)  
*Strengthen the Church* (August)  
*Neighbors in Need* (October)  
*The Christmas Fund* (December)

### Make a One-time Gift

Consider making a special one-time gift to the church. Those surprise donations make it possible for us to stretch our resources a little farther each year. Or you could make a gift in honor of someone – a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

If you have stocks that have increased significantly in value over the years, there may be a tax advantage for you in making a donation of those shares. Check with your financial advisor or accountant for details.

### Remember the Church in Your Will

Many individuals who actively support their church during their lifetimes find it meaningful to include a bequest to the church in their estate planning. Your financial advisor can give you details about the ways that can be done.

### Support the Minnesota UCC Conference Directly

Go to [www.uccmn.org](http://www.uccmn.org) and click on "Friends of the Conference."

### And if you have any questions

Please contact the treasurer (Phil Kasten) or the church bookkeeper (Andrea Pegram).



**Faith Formation  
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**Children**

**June 19-August 28:** Summer Sunday school ~ multi-age class: age 3 through grade 3; grades 4-6 participate with their family in worship.

Share a Sunday morning with the children as a leader! *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum provided. Interested? contact Jami Reister, children's committee chairperson.

**September 18:** School year Sunday School begins. Looking for co-leaders! Contact Jami Reister.

**Senior High Youth**

Grades 9-12 (check email for updates)

**2011 Trip of Service and Sabbath** (formerly known as the mission trip).

Youth:

- Hannah Morris
- Allie Clark
- Alison Haider
- Sullie Ojala-Hembolt
- Alicia Alyea
- Brandon Miller
- Jane Carlson
- Tate Maki-Waller
- Ivy Johnson

Adult leaders:

- Matt Rohn
- Jen Winterfeldt
- Claire Dudzinski
- Evan Johnson

**June 5, 11:30-1:00 p.m.:**

Senior High Service Build a Lunch Fundraiser will follow worship. (Salad, Sandwiches, and Sundaes) Please support the youth as they prepare to journey for the 10<sup>th</sup> year to Alamosa, Colorado, where they will continue building relationships and homes in service with Habitat for Humanity and La Puente homeless shelter. Adults \$7; Families \$20; Children under 3 free.

Many thanks to Amy Sieve and Jerry Johnson who are coordinating the menu.

**June 12:** 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Youth meeting

**July 17:** Worship, trip commissioning. 11:30 -12:30 Potluck and parent/youth meeting

**July 22:** 5:30 p.m: Pack the Vans

**July 23-Aug. 1:** Trip of service and Sabbath to Alamosa, Colorado with stops at Camp Comeca and LaForet UCC Camp, Colorado Springs

**Multigenerational**

**Pilgrim Point Camps & Retreats**  
<http://www.pilgrimpoint.org>

- **June:** Wayzata Community Church (UCC) is offering camp sessions for all ages with scholarships. See schedule at:[www.wayzatacommunity-church.org](http://www.wayzatacommunity-church.org).
- **Middle School Week:** July 10-16 (Sunday thru Saturday)
- **Senior High Week:** July 31-August 6
- **First UCC at PPC...We are family!** Save the date: July 22-24. Join our church family for a weekend retreat! Interested in helping plan? Contact Phil Kasten.

**WFFF** Wednesdays for Food, Fun and Faith. Will resume in the Fall

with possible summer opportunities. Contact Lynne Severson.



**Farewell  
from Cher**

**Goodbye** It is with sincere gratitude that I write to you, my church family, for the past 14 years. Thank you for the love, care, support, gentle lessons and kindness you have shared with me during my ministry at First United Church of Christ, Northfield.

I will tenderly carry many memories with me to my new calling in a Salt Lake City area UCC congregation. I will welcome your visit if you find yourself journeying to Salt Lake City. I will miss you, will think of and pray for you, as you continue to discern who and what the Holy Mystery is calling you to be and do.

God's deep peace, ever-present love and abundant blessings to you.

~ *Cher Langley*



**Mission  
Trip  
Fundraiser**

**June 5, 11:30am**

Senior High Service Trip "Build a Lunch" fundraiser will follow worship. Please support the youth as they prepare to journey for the 10<sup>th</sup> year to Alamosa, Colorado, where they will continue building relationships and homes in service with Habitat for Humanity and La Puente homeless shelter. Bring family and friends! Adults \$5; Families \$15.



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