



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

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> is  
**Homecoming Sunday!**  
Join us as we resume  
our program year's  
activities, including  
**Sunday School!**



**Parents: Please bring your child(ren) to their classrooms at 9:30am on September 18 for juice and donuts!**

Meet your teachers, find your room, and get ready for another great year! We will all move to the sanctuary for worship at 10:00am.



**September 25: Root Beer Float Sunday!** The entire congregation is welcome to join us on the front lawn for root beer floats during coffee time!



**FACEBOOK!!!**

Please like First UCC on Facebook! We hope to use Facebook to communicate upcoming events and reminders throughout the year.



## Minister's Musings

Earlier this year I attended a gathering sponsored by our MN Conference United Church of Christ that spoke about transformational worship. The leaders of this event said that “true worship requires a response – a place where people meet the living God and are challenged to become all they can be. Worship needs to be energetic, experienced, moving, contemporary and transformational.” Now don’t get me wrong, this doesn’t mean we need to go out and get a rock band. But we do need to be relevant to the lives of people of all ages today. At the same time, we need to recognize that we cannot meet the needs of all people all the time. You have many strengths upon which to build here at First United Church of Christ – a great music program, committed and creative lay people and staff, a great reputation and location, a thriving congregation, and people open to new ideas. And in some ways even more importantly, this community of faith knows who and whose it is - a theologically and socially progressive community of faith who covenants together with God and one another, trusting in God’s continuing guidance, to seek to understand and do God’s will, to explore the mystery of Christ and to witness to God’s reconciling love.

The leaders at that same workshop answered this question:

*What does a congregation look like that has transformative 21<sup>st</sup>-century worship?*

1. They know who they are and the niche market they are currently reaching, but they also know who they **need** to reach.
2. They design worship for the people who are not there, the people who need God and need to be there. The members of this church are hosts, not guests, producers not consumers, servants -- not those being served (they “wear aprons instead of bibs”).
3. They seek to touch the head and the heart of worshipers with drama, mystery, energy, movement. Worship is crafted to create an experience of the sacred for contemporary people - not just mental exercise - emotions are needed. We need to encounter the living God, and that encounter should take our breath away – it should include laughter, tears, passion and applause. Worship is about hope and that is a feeling.
4. Their worship requires a response – a sending forth, to be the church based on what was heard that day.,

because when people meet the living God they are challenged to become all they can be.

You don't have to agree with these comments, just know that this is what the experts are saying. I look forward to gathering folks from this congregation to craft some relevant, different and inspiring worship services with theological, musical and artistic integrity. For it is through worship that we can share our special message with the world. It's a message about our God and our relationship with God. It truly is a message of hope, love, justice, peace, and faith. It can transform lives.

As we look toward Homecoming Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, let us keep these thoughts in mind and begin to take note of how we might live into this transformation that will include our children. Beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> they will begin joining us for half the service before departing to their Faith Formation classes. We are their role models of the faith. May the old, old story of that faith bring about the renewal God has in store for us all and may we experience the transformation God intends for us.

~Pastor Cindy



## Moderator's Minute

In a sure sign that summer is wrapping up, our Council reconvened in August (having not met in July) to begin fall planning. While we discussed a number of issues, we spent the majority of our time talking about plans to address our Christian Ed and Pastoral Care needs. Pastor Cindy, along with members of the Christian Ed Committees (children, youth & adult), church officers and the Personnel Committee met with the founders of InterServe ([www.interserveministries.com](http://www.interserveministries.com)).

InterServe specializes in providing interim Christian Ed & Youth Ministry services and planning for long-term programming. Their staff receives the same ministerial training that intentional interim ministers like Cindy take and are currently serving at Northfield's St. John's Lutheran Church.

Committee members and Cindy were impressed by InterServe's presentation, its employees' training, and its track record. Besides addressing short-term staffing needs, InterServe can facilitate a comprehensive look at how we address our CE needs. The Council approved negotiating a contract with InterServe, which will likely be for a six-month term and include a 30-day notice should we want to be released from the contract. This provides flexibility should our long-term minister come on board earlier than expected. Our next step will be to interview several of their associates before selecting one with whom to work.

The Council also discussed how to handle our pastoral care needs in the time between now and when the two-minister model is in place. On Sunday, August 21, we recognized and honored the outstanding work

Cathy Cammack performed on behalf of our church. She touched many lives during her ministry and will be missed. Cathy had discussed preparing volunteers to help broaden our reach, and any future plans will likely entail a larger use of volunteers. Cindy has called a meeting for members of the Congregational Care Committee, Deacons, Personnel Committee and church officers to discuss addressing pastoral care needs. The Council also approved exploring InterServe's capability to address Pastoral Care. One of their staff has done this in the past and may be an option for us.

Our church has seen a great deal of change during the course of the last several months. While all the details are not clear, we have built a framework for our new structure and are in a good place as we communicate our vision to permanently called ministerial candidates.

~Brad Hoff



## Search and Call Update

The Search and Call Committee continues to proceed with its work in accordance with the well-defined process recommended by the United Church of Christ. We have successfully crafted and posted our profile, and are now in the discernment phase and are reviewing candidate profiles. To date we have received 35 profiles and continue to meet to review new profiles as they are submitted. We have also begun to gather additional information about candidates whose profiles closely match the experience, interests, and vision being sought by First UCC.

The next step in this process is to conduct initial interviews, and we will be reaching out to candidates in whom we are especially interested. We will continue to accept new profiles even as we move forward with other candidates, in what is referred to as a 'circular' rather than linear process. After initial interviews are conducted, references will be checked and formal interviews will be scheduled for top candidates. Another step will be for the Search and Call committee members to worship with candidates, either in a neutral congregation or with permission where the candidate presently serves, followed by additional discernment.

Further down the road, once a final candidate has been identified, a call will be offered, negotiations will take place, and the candidate will be invited to a 'candidating weekend' at First UCC. An all-church invitation to a congregational meeting will be sent as well as background information on the candidate. The candidate will spend a weekend getting to know the congregation through informal gatherings and meetings with boards and committees, and will lead worship on Sunday morning. After worship, a congregational meeting will be held during which the Search Committee will present a report summarizing its search process, describe the particular reasons they were led to choose this candidate, outline the terms of call, and address congregational questions. The congregation will then vote on a motion to extend the call and approve the compensation arrangements. (The candidate and the interim minister will not be present at this congregational meeting.)

While many of the steps outlined above remain months away, we hope this summary of the entire process is helpful and we look

forward to keeping the congregation well-informed as the process unfolds.

*~Respectfully submitted by Sarah Forster, on behalf of the Search and Call Committee*

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### Pastoral Ponderings

It is with deep sadness that I write my last *Pastoral Ponderings* column. I turned in my resignation as your Pastoral Care Associate on August 9, 2011.

I want to thank you all for your support during my six years at the church. I have loved my work and have appreciated the value this congregation placed on pastoral care.

Many of you have shared personal times in your lives with me, and many of us have shared laughter, tears, and much joy. I leave my job with a mixture of grief for the ending of a wonderful relationship and gratitude for the opportunity to work with such an amazing congregation.

I have high hopes for this church. I believe it will not only survive this economic struggle; it also will thrive. It is a strong church filled with strong and compassionate individuals. I don't think I ever have been in the presence of so many dedicated people who have made such an impact on a community and the world.

I ask forgiveness from anyone I may have neglected or offended, and I hold all of you in my prayers.

Be well. Care for one another.

Peace always,  
*Cathy*



### Singers Wanted!

Choral singing has a long and rich history at First UCC, but as they say, we couldn't do it without you. The fall choir season will start soon, and the Senior Choir and the Spirit Voices are open to anyone of high-school age or older. If you're interested in contributing to the musical life of the church in a choral way, please do get in touch with Bob Gregory-Bjorklund (Spirit Voices) or Christopher Brunelle (Senior Choir); they are always happy to talk with prospective singers and eager to swell the ranks of their choirs.

*A major commitment? Absurd!  
Just come if you'd like to be heard;  
We're not yet aswim in  
Enough men and women  
Who sing here at Union and Third.*

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### Children: Come and Sing!

The Angel Choir and Rainbow Choir will begin rehearsals on Sept. 28 (Angel Choir @ 4:45-5:30pm, Rainbow Choir @ 6-7 pm). That evening we will have a family potluck in between the rehearsals to meet and discuss the upcoming year. Hope to see you there!

*~Shana Hodel*

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### September Bell Ringers

September 4: Bill Poehlmann  
September 11: Frank Sheehy  
September 18: Sarah Beimers  
September 25: Brad Hoff



## September Stewardship Message

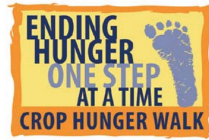
### Taking the Long View

*“And remember, I am with you always.”  
Matthew 28:20*

These last words of Matthew’s gospel have encouraged and comforted millions of Christians over two millennia. In times of challenge and pain, of doubt and despair, we are called to *remember*, and we remember that Jesus promised to be with us. We celebrate that presence in Holy Communion and whenever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name. The church is the living reminder to us of Jesus’ words; the community holds the memory when we struggle; the community holds us when we need holding, vicariously being Jesus for each other.

While loving one another and embodying Jesus’ love for one another often involve very specific times and people, we also need to take the long view. If we hope that our role in helping Jesus keep his promise will continue long after we die, then we need to think about how we can help our local church sustain itself for the long haul. There are many ways to do this: endow your pledge, include your church in your will, contribute to your church’s endowment or help start one. Our congregation is able to do more than we might have imagined because several far-sighted women and men started a small endowment back in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. That endowment has grown and helps us reach out as Jesus’ presence both inside and outside our walls. Jesus will be with us always; will your church continue to be Jesus’ hands, feet and voice in your community in the long term?

*~ Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven, Connecticut.*



### Northfield CROP Hunger Walk

**September 25, 2011**

**The facts are stunningly horrendous.**

One in every five seconds...16,000 children every single day. 3.6 million children per year die from hunger-related causes. Seventy percent of those who suffer from hunger world-wide are women and girls.

Closer to home, if all 36.2 million Americans faced with food insecurity stood in line at a food pantry in New York City, the line would stretch to Los Angeles and back...TWICE.

Everyday we see pictures in the newspaper and on television of the drought and severe famine in East Africa where mothers and children are in crisis. 30,000 children have died already and families are walking 100 miles to find food.

In the book of James it says, “If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?”

The task of feeding the hungry seems too vast when looking at the world wide problem. What can we do? How can our little bit make any

difference? We can help to provide enough for all if we add our little bits together and support Church World Service programs.

Please join together with others in Northfield on Sunday afternoon, September 25, as we walk from Emmaus Church to Bridge Square in the 2011 Northfield CROP Hunger Walk. Participants take part in a festive and easy-paced walk appropriate for parents, kids and even dogs on a leash. There will be educational, fun activities, and music at both sites. Twenty-five percent of funds raised support services of the Northfield Community Action Center, and the remaining seventy-five percent goes to aid poor, hungry and thirsty people around the world.

Can’t walk? Please support someone who is walking. Let’s end hunger one step at a time!

*~Lynne Severson, Northfield CROP Walk Planning Committee*



### Faith Organizing for Marriage Equality Campaign Kickoff

**September 19 • 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Mpls**

People of faith are at the heart of the movement for marriage equality in Minnesota. On Monday, September 19th at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, unite with Minnesota’s spiritual and religious communities in a campaign kickoff training to enhance voices of faith for marriage equality.

We gather with food at 6pm, begin programming at 6:30pm, and conclude by 8:30pm.

This event, organized by OutFront Minnesota and Minnesotans United for All Families, officially begins the faith-led effort to win the freedom to marry for all loving couples in Minnesota, first by defeating the 2012 anti-marriage constitutional amendment. Faith leaders will share the latest information about the campaign, provide breakout opportunities for specific religious traditions to plan together, and seek the input of all participants in shaping faith-based outreach efforts. Come prepared to share your ideas and leave committed to make a difference in your community as a person of faith.

With your participation, we will make this the broadest and most faith-filled campaign for LGBT equality that Minnesota has ever seen!

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**PILGRIM POINT**  
camps & retreats,

Visit [www.pilgrimpoint.org](http://www.pilgrimpoint.org) for more information on the following retreats:



**Men's  
Retreat  
May 2012**

***"Guys Doing Stuff, God  
Doing Stuff..."***

A casual and engaging weekend for the Men of the Minnesota Conference...

**Weekend Schedule includes:**

**Friday** - dinner, program and Texas Hold 'em Tourney

**Saturday** - 3 hearty meals, morning/evening programs, afternoon open for relaxing/swimming/golfing/fishing/building project @ camp, worship and hospitality

**Sunday** - brunch and worship (Rev. Rick Wagner preaching)

**Weekend program leader is Rev. Eric Nelson!**



**Women's  
Retreat  
Sept. 16-18**

***"Our Purpose – Our  
Story"***

We all have a story, a history, life experiences, but what does it all mean? Why do I live as I do, rather than as my neighbor, friend or sibling lives? What makes an impact, what influences my story? Keynote speaker Vicki Wunsch will help each of us explore the "why" - the fuel in our engines, our mojo.

Workshops: Biblical Oils - Scriptural Fragrances, Scrapbooking, Purposeful Living After 50, Worship Planning, Reflecting with Nature, Finding Your True Self, Dance with Me



**Middle  
School  
Retreat  
Oct. 7-9**

***"Living the Life"***  
with awesome musician and  
keynoter, Bryan Sirchio



**High School  
Retreat  
Oct. 21-23**

***"Sexuality and Our Faith"***  
with Ann Hanson from the national  
office of the UCC



**Minnesotans  
Standing  
Together  
9/11/11**

**Sunday, September 11, 2011  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Minnesota State Capitol Steps**

On this September 11 remember the tragedies of ten years ago by joining together peacefully with all Minnesotans, despite our differences, and committing to the common purpose of rejecting violence, hate, and divisiveness. This public ceremony for all Minnesotans will be led by representatives of the diverse and rich faith communities of our state. The ceremony will include prayer, music, and inspiration from many religious traditions, offering comfort for those who are suffering. We will demonstrate Minnesota's values and identity. We will create a space for hope and the possibility of moving forward from the tragedies of the past as we seek inspiration for greater cooperation across differences for the common good.

*~Minnesota Council of Churches*

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**Women's  
Spirituality  
Group**

The *Women's Spirituality Group* will meet on Monday, September 26, at 7:00pm.

Ann Wind has agreed to lead the group and will need a co-facilitator. Please let her know if you are willing to do this.



## Neighbors in Need

On Sunday, October 2 –

World Communion Sunday - we will be collecting the Neighbors in Need special mission offering. Please give generously. It's one of five denomination-wide giving opportunities this 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), Strengthen the Church (to invigorate congregations and leadership), and the Christmas Fund (for active and retired clergy with financial challenges). **Neighbors in Need** "supports 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." The rest helps fund the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries and thus 20 UCC congregations on reservations as well as a multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis.

**Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible (a world without violence, poverty, hunger discrimination and oppression). It needs your support.**

The offering is typically received on World Communion Sunday. Among the many projects funded by NIN are migrant health services, food pantries, single-parenting ministries, LGBT community centers, rural and migrant ministries, programs funding injustice and discrimination and much more. Neighbors in Need now subsumes the Just Peace fundraising. For more information, visit: [www.ucc.org/nin/faq.html](http://www.ucc.org/nin/faq.html)

~The Service and Social Responsibility Committee (SSR)



## Accelerate Northfield: A New Public School Volunteer Program

Did you know that Northfield's low-income students have trailed their peers in reading and math proficiency by more than 25% over the last 5 years? And this group is growing: almost 1/3 of Northfield's elementary students now receive free or reduced-price lunches-- a 50% increase since 2004. We need YOU to help close this gap and prepare all Northfield students for success by volunteering in the schools to help all our kids launch for a life as learning superheroes! See [www.AccelerateNorthfield.com](http://www.AccelerateNorthfield.com) to learn more and to sign up to make a difference in a child's life.

~Accelerate Northfield is a collaboration between community members, Northfield Public Schools, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, Carleton College, and St. Olaf College

## See and Discuss the film: *Beyond Our Differences*

Sept. 22, 2011  
Presbyterian Church of the Apostles  
701 East 130<sup>th</sup> St., Burnsville

The film *Beyond Our Differences* is a thoughtful examination of a complex question of our age. What is the role of faith and religion in the modern world, its positive and negative applications? Against the backdrop of global issues such as environmental degradation, wars, starvation and poverty, how do the leaders of different fields and traditions weigh in? Film viewing followed by discussion. Free and open to the public.

See [www.beyondourdifferences.com](http://www.beyondourdifferences.com) and call 952-890-7877 for more information.



## Inquirers' Classes

For those persons wishing to know more about First United Church of Christ and/or wishing to join, the first of two Inquirers' Classes will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, September 18. Childcare will be provided.

The second class – for those who plan to join – and the Sunday for Reception of New Members will be determined at that meeting.

We're looking forward to seeing some of you who have been 'visiting' come to these classes! Thanks for being patient and understanding about the delay in the scheduling of these!

For questions or more information, please contact Jean Haslett or Rev. Cindy Mueller.

## Walk in an Interfaith Procession to Take Action on Climate Change

Sept. 24, 2011, 2:00 p.m.  
Cass Gilbert Memorial Park, St. Paul

Add your presence to the moral voice calling for care of all creation by responding to climate change. Moving Planet – Moving Faith is an event set up for people to learn about the need to move beyond fossil fuels, to inspire each other to work for this transition, to create a sense of urgency in our political leaders, and to build the global climate movement. For more information and to register, visit [www.mn350.org/interfaith](http://www.mn350.org/interfaith).



## Children's Education Committee Update

As the summer winds down, the Children's Education Committee has been hard at work planning for the upcoming Sunday school year. We are looking forward to another great year of children's programming at First UCC and want to update you on all the upcoming changes and events:

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE:

After thoughtful consideration of our children's spiritual needs, we have made a slight adjustment to the timing of our Sunday school classes on Sunday mornings. As a committee, we feel it is vitally important for children to have an opportunity to be with their families in worship. The children are an integral part of our church family and need the opportunity to grow into their faith through participation in worship as well as Sunday school. As a result, we have made the following alterations to our Sunday morning routine:

- Children will join their families in worship at 10:00am.
- Rather than leave for Sunday school early in the service, they will remain in worship with their families until approximately midway through our worship time. At that time, the children will leave worship with the teachers in order to attend Sunday school.
- Worship will end around 11:00 am, and the congregation is welcome to attend coffee time immediately following worship.
- Children will NOT return to the sanctuary during worship. Instead, Sunday school will conclude at 11:15. Children will be brought to the Assembly Room at that time to join their families and our church community for coffee time.

●Previously, the first Sunday of every month was a large group Sunday school time, utilizing the Godly Play curriculum. However, due to staffing changes, the format for first Sundays is still under discussion. Please watch for information in the bulletin and on the bulletin board as we review and possibly revise the Sunday school format for the first Sunday of the month. Regardless of how we format this particular Sunday, children will be in worship to participate in communion.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We are pleased to announce the return of last year's Sunday school teachers! We are still finalizing details of classroom placement and will post this information soon. As we finalize the class assignments, we are also implementing a new two-~~teachers-per-class~~ policy this year.

This past year in our church has been one of learning to live within our financial means while maintaining our values and priorities. In our committee, we feel it necessary to be sure we are living within our personnel means as well. Due to the fact that our Sunday school and worship times overlap, our Sunday school teachers do not have the opportunity to regularly and fully attend worship. When there are two teachers per class, they at least have an opportunity to alternate teaching responsibilities and attend worship perhaps twice a month. However, in some of our classes, we have had only one teacher; those individuals, therefore, are unable to attend worship for most of the calendar year. As a committee, we feel it is *crucial* that those individuals helping to shape our children's faith be able to continue strengthening and supporting their own personal faith journey as well.

A two-teacher policy means we need two teachers per classroom. Those teachers are able to alternate Sundays, allowing each other to have opportunities to be in worship. If we do not have two teachers per class, we will not have Sunday school in that class every Sunday; children will remain with their families in worship the Sundays we do not have a teacher. We will only have Sunday school in that classroom half the Sundays each month; this arrangement gives the solo teacher an opportunity to be in worship part of the month. Should this type of schedule be necessary, it will be clearly posted on the bulletin board near the men's restroom. Our goal, however, is to obviously have enough teachers to regularly staff Sunday school.

In order to meet our two-teachers-per-class goal, we are in need of one more individual to teach the preschool class. With two teachers per room, each one is committed to half the Sundays each month, and the lessons are provided through our curriculum. If you are interested in teaching please contact Jami Reister, Shari Sneary, Deb Olien or Melissa Sharpe. We have a fantastic group of children at First UCC, and you will find the adventure a rewarding one!

### HELPERS:

You don't think you are teacher material? Well, you probably are (!), but if teaching part-time isn't quite what you are called to do, we are ALWAYS in need of helpers! We MUST have a helper in each classroom during Sunday school. This is an EASY job that requires no preparation. We simply need people available to help with crowd control, craft projects, and trips to the potty. We will have sign-up sheets available soon on the bulletin board. Please consider helping out – even if you don't have children in the program! The children benefit

greatly from the participation of the wider church, our church family is strengthened, and our teachers are supported. If many individuals signed up for just one Sunday, we could cover every class for the entire year!



### WFFF Resumes in October

Wednesdays for Food, Fun and Faith (WFFF) will resume Wednesday, Oct. 5. Contact Lynne Severson with questions.



### Pilgrim Point Offering

First UCC contributed \$424.32 to the Pilgrim Point worship offering during July's retreat. These funds were passed to the MN Conference office and will be used to purchase chairs or other furniture for the new deck on the Recreation Hall.



### Defeat of Jesse James Days Antique Sale

It is time to bring your unwanted jewelry to the church for the Annual DJJD Antique Sale in our parking lot on September 9 and 10. We will take all of your jewels, even if broken. All proceeds go to the church.

Your help in sorting and pricing the items is needed. We have a great time working together on this!

We also need salespeople for Sept. 9 from 5-8pm and on Sept. 10 from 9-6 pm.

~ Jan Stevens, Chair (507) 244-0500



### Farewell Cathy

Sunday, 9/21, was truly a day filled with the Holy Spirit as we offered our thanks and wished Cathy Cammack, our Pastoral Care Associate, a fond farewell. Cathy's vast array of gifts have blessed this congregation these past six years. As we bid her farewell during worship she was given two gifts from the congregation - a SCRIP card to Barnes and Noble (because Cathy LOVES to read) and a beautiful framed Jan Shoger print. The coffee hour held after worship in Cathy's honor was marked with tears, hugs and loving words of thanks. As it was stated in the *Liturgy of Farewell* - "Well done, good and faithful servant."

From here, we will build upon the foundation upon which Cathy was responsible for creating. May we honor Cathy in our ongoing ministry of caring for one another.



### 2011 Youth Mission Trip

The Service and Sabbath Trip to Alamosa, Colorado was a great success. Eight youth and several adults worked at the homeless shelter (La Puente), the day program for at-risk children (PALS), and on a Habitat for Humanity adobe house. Our time was filled with wonderful, spiritually rewarding service alongside the friends in the San Luis Valley with whom we've worked for so many years. We journeyed a long way geographically, spiritually, and in what we learned about service. Thanks to all who supported us through money, help, and prayers. Join October 16 to learn more about this incredible experience.

~ Jen Winterfeldt, trip co-leader



### Chronicle Distribution

To save mailing costs and reduce paper consumption, we are encouraging people to receive *The Chronicle* via email. If you have supplied the church an email address and have not specified that you prefer a mailed copy, you will begin receiving the newsletter via email.

For those who are regularly at church, printed copies of *The Chronicle* are available to pick up in the hallway outside the church office. We will continue to mail copies to our shut-ins.

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### **Council Officers:**

**Moderator** (Head Lay Leader of the church): Brad Hoff  
**Vice-Moderator** (Presides when Moderator is not available): Sarah Forster  
**Treasurer** (Maintains all funds of the church): Phil Kasten  
**Assistant Treasurer** (Counts Sunday offering): Leota Goodney  
**Clerk** (Takes minutes at business meetings of the church and Council): Jane McWilliams  
**Members at Large:** Carol Rutz, Bob Bruce, Kaara Maki-Waller  
**Personnel Subcommittee:** Shannon Garlitz, Chairperson  
**Minister-Congregation Relations Subcommittee:** Scott Richardson, Chairperson

**Board of Deacons:** Bill Poehlmann, Chairperson  
**Congregational Care Council:** Bobbie Peterson, Chairperson  
**New Member Sub-Committee:** Jean Haslett & Pat Kriesel, Co-Chairpeople

**Board of Trustees:** Pete Carlson, Chairperson

**Arts Committee:** Lynne Severson & Nancy Lehman, Co-Chairpeople

**Christian Education (CE):**  
**Children's Ministry** (birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade): Jami Reister, Chairperson  
**Youth Ministry** (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade): Ann Wind, Chairperson  
**Adult Ministry:** Lynne Severson, Chairperson  
**College Relations:** John Severson, Chairperson

**Nine-to-Dine** (a small group fellowship ministry): Kaara Maki-Waller, Organizer

**Nominations:** Phil Parsons, Chairperson

**Parish Life & Fellowship (PLF)** (organize and plan fellowship events): Linda Wagenbach, Chairperson

**Search & Call Committee** (Seeking our next pastor): David Beimers, Chairperson

**Service & Social Responsibility (SSR)** (allocate local OCWM funds): Jan Mitchell, Chairperson

**Special Functions** (Organize special celebrations, funerals, etc.): Bobbie Peterson, Organizer

**Stewardship** (Implement annual stewardship program): Shawn Nuebel, Chairperson

The church office is open Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00am – 2:00pm.

| <b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Monday</b>                                                | <b>Tuesday</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>Wednesday</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Thursday</b>                                                                                  | <b>Friday</b>                                                                           | <b>Saturday</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>28</b><br><b>12:00 AM - 8:30 AM</b><br>Growing Up Healthy<br>(Kitchen/Basement)<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br>& Sunday School<br><b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School<br>for children younger than<br>3rd grade<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon.<br>(#105)             | <b>29</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br>Personnel<br>Meeting          | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>31</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>7:30 PM</b> CCC,<br>Deacons, Officers<br>Meeting                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer<br>Shawl Knitting<br>Group<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Staff<br>Meeting | <b>2</b>                                                                                | <b>3</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)                                                                                                      |
| <b>4</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br>with Communion<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon.<br>(#105)                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>5</b><br><b>Labor Day</b>                                 | <b>6</b><br>Men's Retreat<br>(Mt. Olivet<br>Retreat Center)<br>School Begins<br><b>6:30 PM</b><br>Stewardship<br>Committee<br>Meeting | <b>7</b><br>Men's Retreat<br>(Mt. Olivet<br>Retreat Center)<br><b>12:00 PM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boards<br>& Committee<br>Meetings<br><b>7:00 PM</b> SSR<br>Committee<br>Meeting<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Spirit<br>Voices Rehearsal                       | <b>8</b>                                                                                         | <b>9</b><br><b>5:00 PM -</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b> DJJD<br>Antique Sale (in<br>parking lot) | <b>10</b><br><b>9:00 AM -</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> DJJD<br>Antique Sale (in<br>parking lot)<br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)                      |
| <b>11</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Spirit Voices<br>Rehearsal<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon.<br>(#105)                                                                                                                                       | <b>12</b>                                                    | <b>13</b><br><b>7:30 PM</b><br>Personnel<br>Meeting                                                                                   | <b>14</b><br><b>8:45 AM</b> CE<br>Meeting<br><b>12:00 PM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>7:00 PM</b><br>Deacons Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b><br>Nominating<br>Committee<br>Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior<br>Choir Rehearsal                                               | <b>15</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b> Staff<br>Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Officers'<br>Meeting              | <b>16</b>                                                                               | <b>17</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)                                                                                                     |
| <b>18</b><br><b>Homecoming Sunday</b><br><b>School Year Sunday</b><br><b>School begins</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br>& Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM</b> All-Church<br>Potluck<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Inquirers' Class<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon.<br>(#105)   | <b>19</b>                                                    | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>21</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Council<br>Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior<br>Choir Rehearsal                                                                                                                                       | <b>22</b>                                                                                        | <b>23</b>                                                                               | <b>24</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>10:00 AM -</b><br><b>4:00 PM</b><br>Stewardship<br>Conference<br>(Plymouth<br>Congregational) |
| <b>25</b><br><b>CROP Hunger Walk</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service<br>& Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Root Beer Floats<br>on the Front Lawn<br>(sponsored by Children's Ed<br>Committee)<br><b>11:30 AM</b> Faith Forum<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon.<br>(#105) | <b>26</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b><br>Women's<br>Spirituality Group | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>28</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)<br><b>4:45 PM</b> Angel<br>Choir Rehearsal<br><b>5:30 PM</b> All-<br>Family Potluck<br><b>6:00 PM</b><br>Rainbow Choir<br>Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Officers'<br>Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior<br>Choir Rehearsal | <b>29</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b> Fall<br>Leadership<br>Retreat Begins                                 | <b>30</b><br><b>3:00 PM</b> Fall<br>Leadership<br>Retreat Ends                          | <b>1</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Stepsisters<br>(#115)                                                                                                      |