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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



Change is Good?

Well, maybe. One thing is certain: for most of us change is stressful. Since Pastor Sandy Johnson retired, our church has gone through lots of changes in staff, in program, in the day to day “feel” of church. We have known grief and loss, as well as the stress of uncertainty about our future.

Of course there have also been positive changes as we have welcomed new staff and new interim ministers. Yet positive change brings its own kind of stress as we seek to get to know and to work with new people and new styles. Moreover, as we are in a search process, preparing to welcome a new minister, then another minister, there are more changes still to come.

How are you doing? How are you feeling? How are you coping? Council has raised these questions and wants to offer an opportunity for those who best cope with stress by talking it through to get together in small groups.

We have scheduled two such small groups meeting in the church parlor, with the possibility of more if needed. The first is Thursday, November 3, at 4:00pm. Pastor Cindy will help facilitate along with two council members. The second

is Monday, November 7th, at 7:00pm with Pastor Bob and two council members. To insure that everyone can be heard, the groups will be limited to ten members.

However, if there are more people interested in such groups that these can accommodate or a significant number of people for whom neither time is available, we will make more groups available.

If you plan on coming to one of these groups, please call or email the church office. If you would like to participate in group at another time, please contact the church office with some times in the next two weeks or so that would work for you. We hope that these groups will promote healing and assist us in caring for one another in a time of change and stress, which we also pray is a time of opportunity.



Minister's Musings

Recently I met with the Service and Social Responsibility Committee. This committee is working to help defeat the proposed constitutional amendment to ban marriage for same sex couples. I shared with the committee an that I had written for the Lynnhurst News in April 2004. (I served as pastor at Lynnhurst

UCC in Minneapolis from 1979-2006) The SSR Committee asked me to reprint it for our congregation:

“Recently I met with a couple to help them plan a simple marriage. We talked about the elements of the service, what we could leave out and what needed to be kept in. When is it in the service, they asked me, that we actually become married? For sure they didn’t want to leave that part out. I thought about their question and answered ‘the vows.’

I’ve reflected on this answer during the controversy over same sex marriages. Wedding vows are a covenant, a sacred promise. The vows declare the great joy of sharing one’s life with another person; they also declare this joy must be worked for. According to the vows I often use, the content of this covenant is be ‘loving and faithful’ and to be so ‘in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.’

Keeping marriage vows is hard. You need all the help you can get. Foremost, the love of God is needed to help the couple to enjoy all the good times of life together and also to give them courage to work through the difficult times. Family and friends also help. They let the couple know that they are not alone, that their marriage has the support of those who love them the most.

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If a couple knows full well how challenging it will be to keep their vows, if they are willing with God's help to make this covenant, then I don't believe the sexual orientation of the couple matters. This is why I support same sex marriage. What does matter is the commitment to the covenant, to making it work, to seeking God's help, to speaking the truth in love, to accepting the weaknesses while delighting in the strengths of another person. If a couple is willing to promise this, knowing full well how wonderful and difficult it will be, then, whatever their sexual orientation, may God bless them."

~ Rev. Dr. Bob Griggs



Search and Call Update

God is still speaking and now we are speaking too! Phone interviews have begun. So far, we have had the pleasure of interviewing pastors who had the chance to share their ministries with us. We, in turn, have shared the congregation's vision with them. The next step for those candidates who remain in the pool is to schedule a time when they can preach in a "neutral pulpit." This is a good way to get an even better look at our candidates without drawing too much attention to ourselves on the pastor's home turf.

These interviews and site visits will continue even as more profiles come in. We approach our new candidates as prayerfully as the first to leave no stone unturned.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue in the next phase of this exciting process. Your love and support are palpable and much appreciated.

~ Tracy Fossum, on behalf of the Search and Call Committee



Congregational Listening Session

Sunday, Nov. 20, 11:30-12:30pm

There has been a great deal of change at First UCC during the last year. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas for a conversation to cover topics such as the two-minister model, pastoral search update, where we are, and what's next. All are welcome to join us in the Sanctuary during Adult Ed.

~ Brad Hoff, Moderator



November Stewardship Message

Give Love, Our Mission:1

"For I was hungry and you gave me food."
Matthew 25:35

This month the UCC invites all of us to celebrate Mission:1, an opportunity to serve Jesus by serving those who are hungry. Thinking both locally and globally, we are called to connect with local soup kitchens and food pantries, as well as giving to global hunger projects, especially those addressing hunger in drought-stricken East Africa. I hope your congregation is part of this effort.

Our congregation has decided to connect this program with our annual Generosity Season when we receive pledges for our budget for the coming year. When we pledge to our local congregation, we provide food for those who hunger spiritually, emotionally and physically. We give so that the Communion table is set each month and we may all eat together, becoming the body of Christ. We give so that our building is ready to host Twelve-Step groups who share

coffee and transformative stories together. We give so that our children may be fed with the love of their teachers and pastors and the formative stories of the gospel. We give so that our spirits may be fed by music that transports our souls. We give so that when a hungry neighbor calls, as happened today while I was writing this, we had a food closet stocked and supermarket gift cards ready. Someone once said, "The church exists for mission as fire exists for burning." We give love, our Mission:1.

~ Rochelle Stackhouse, Sr Minister of The Church of the Redeemer UCC, New Haven, CT

You are invited!

All members and friends of the Minnesota Conference of the UCC are invited to lunch and an open conversation with Rev.



Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities on Friday, November 18, beginning at 12 noon and ending by 3 pm. A reception with light refreshments provided by United Theological Seminary will follow.

Lunch is optional and will be by reservation only. The cost is \$5.00 and your RSVP should be made to Alison Bents (Alisonb@uccmn.org) by Monday, November 14.

Rev. Black will speak briefly and then welcome questions and concerns.



Working for Food Security Around the World

This year, the national UCC has organized **Mission:1**, a nationwide 11-day campaign in early November (from 1-1-11 to 11-11-11) to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. In conjunction with this effort, the SSR committee has planned several opportunities in November:

A challenge grant from SSR:

During the Mission: 1 campaign, the national UCC hopes to raise both an additional \$111,111 for Neighbors in Need's (NIN) hunger ministries AND \$111,111 for famine relief in Somalia and other parts of East Africa through paper and on-line donations during the first 11 days of November

(www.ucc.org/mission1/ "about" tab). The SSR committee has decided to commit some funds from the congregation's OCWM offering (from the 10% that we disburse) as a challenge to the congregation. **We will match the first \$111.11 + \$111.11 + \$111.11 (total of \$333.33)** given by members of the congregation through November 13, 2011. Write "Mission:1" in the subject line of a check, or use the NIN envelopes in the pews to donate cash on November 6 and 13.

On Sunday, November 6, the SSR committee will sponsor a letter-writing event at coffee hour asking our elected officials and representatives to make reduction of world hunger a higher priority of the US government, providing aid specifically for the famine-stricken areas of East Africa and maintaining and increasing our historic commitments to humanitarian foreign aid. (see www.ucc.org/mission1/; 111,111 letters tab;

www.ucc.org/news/uccs-mission1-goals.html). This is a joint effort with *Bread for the World*. We will have envelopes, stamps, statistics and sample letters available.

Watch for more events related to food and hunger in throughout the year.

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



Coming OUT for Marriage Equality



Join other UCC and Disciples of Christ members to continue the UCC movement against the anti-LGBT

constitutional amendment and for marriage equality! The next organizing meeting will be hosted by Robbinsdale UCC on October 29th, from 9:30am-2:30pm. This half-day gathering will be a chance to develop further our strategies for communication, education, and meaningful events as we work on behalf of full marriage recognition for all loving couples. Lunch will be provided as a thank you to all who participate. Find out more information and RSVP your plans to attend by emailing Oby Ballinger, pastor@stpaulparkucc.org. Together we will help Minnesota welcome the love and marriages of all God's people!



November Bell Ringers

- Nov. 6: Scott Richardson
- Nov. 13: Nancy Johnson-Maloney
- Nov. 20: Frank Sheehy
- Nov. 27: Bill Poehlmann

Friend Raising Sunday!



If you invite them, they will come!

The UCC is holding "Each One Bring One Sunday," Nov. 6, 2011, asking each UCC member to invite co-worker(s), family member(s) or friend(s) to join them for a day of fellowship and worship!

Let's fill the church and share what an extravagant welcome with others so that they might share in this wonderful faith community!



Children's Education Committee News

Parents! Sunday school ends at 11:15, and children will be brought up to the Assembly Room to meet their parents. Please help the teachers find you by meeting your children at the children's snack table in the Assembly Room (east side). Thank you!

Second graders will receive their storybook bibles during worship on November 20th.

Save the date: The Sunday school classes will be hosting coffee hour **DOWNSTAIRS** in the lower Sunday school level on November 20th! See you then!



Welcome to Our New Members Received on Sunday, October 23

Marsha Kitchel

Marsha recently returned to Northfield after 20 years in Apple Valley and working as director of production in a Twin Cities publishing company, a job lost in 2009. A year later, she started her own art business, MKMK Studios. She paints landscapes, portraits, pets, etc. She has two daughters and ten grandchildren. She grew up in the Lutheran church, but has most recently been a member of Rosemount United Methodist. Tidbit: Scott Richardson hired her at the Northfield News in 1985.

Marsha's sponsor is Garda Kahn.

Jay Demas & Laura Listenberger

Jay and Laura moved to Northfield from San Diego, CA in 2009 with their two children, Corrie (age 4) and Ann Marie (age 2). Jay teaches physics and neuroscience at St. Olaf College. Laura is in the biology and chemistry departments at St. Olaf. Jay is originally from the Washington, DC area, and Laura is from Michigan. They have been attending First UCC for about a year.

Jay and Laura's sponsors are Bart and Shari Sneary.

Brian Borovsky

Brian Borovsky lives in Northfield, MN with his wife, Tory, and son, Carter (age 3). He teaches physics at St. Olaf College and performs experimental research on the friction and lubrication of microscopic machines. He grew up

in Stillwater, MN and graduated from St. Olaf College in 1994 and the University of MN in 1998. He previously lived in Raleigh, NC and Grinnell, IA. Brian's hobbies are long-distance running and euphonium playing.

Brian's sponsor is Bob Entenmann.

Matt & Tamara Detert

Matt was born to a Navy family in San Diego, CA. He was the oldest of four brothers living in Australia, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Minnesota. He graduated from Litchfield Sr. High School, attended Gustavus Adolphus College, and received his MBA at the University of Chicago. He currently works for Target Corporation headquarters, and has worked for Deloitte Consulting, a web design company, and a biotech startup in his past lives.

Tamara was born in Hutchinson, MN and grew up in Darwin, MN. She attended undergraduate school at Concordia College in Moorehead, MN. After finishing medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and residency training through the UMN Residency Program, she started family practice in Northfield. She enjoys camping and outdoor activities, cooking, music, visiting with family and friends, and especially likes playing with her son Calvin.

Matt and Tamara's sponsors are Gary and Mary Carlson.

Darrel Olson

Darrel is a native Minnesotan, having grown up on a family farm in Medo Township in Blue Earth County. He is employed as a personal care attendant. He is also currently working on his Doctorate at Walden University in Public

Policy with a specialization in sustainability issues.

Darrel's sponsors are Rev. Gary and Kathy Kasten.

John Masiee

John was born in Edina, MN and spent most of his life in Minneapolis. He has also lived in Mankato and Lake Benton, moving to Northfield this past year.

John's sponsors are Rev. Gary and Kathy Kasten.

Rev. Dr. Gary & Diane Titusdahl

Gary is an ordained UCC pastor serving as Intentional Interim Minister at First Congregational UCC in Mankato, MN. He and his wife, Diane, live in Cannon Falls with their two cats. He cut his teeth on the UCC when he was a student at St. Olaf College from 1970-1974 by attending First UCC Northfield. He earned his M.Div. and D.Min. degrees at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He enjoys running, camping, canoeing, fishing, poetry and refinishing antiques.

Diane has been a kindergarten teacher for more than 25 years and continues to teach in Farmington. It has been a challenging and busy career for her. When she is not teaching or preparing to teach, she enjoys gardening, reading, going for walks, visiting with family and traveling. Gary and Diane have two adult children. Kevin is in his final year at Mankato State University. Laura and her husband Karl, who live in Jordan, MN, are busy with their careers, and preparing for the birth of their first child in January.

Gary & Diane's sponsors are Rev. Jerry and Liz Hankins.



November Sunday Forums

Following worship @ 11:30am

Please join us at our Sunday Forums as we explore the many aspects that form our faith.

Nov. 6 Recurrent Flash Points in American Politics

led by Mike Fitzgerald, American History professor at St. Olaf College

Nov. 13 TBA

Nov. 20 Congregational Listening Session

Nov. 27 Advent Traditions
led by Rev. Dr. Griggs



The Season of Advent begins November 27th – Share in the festivities as we hold a “Hanging

of the Greens Service” where we will learn all about the symbolism of both Advent and Christmas while decorating the church on this, the first Sunday of the Liturgical Church Calendar!



November Sound Technicians

- Nov. 6: Henry Beimers
- Nov. 13: Christoph Hodel
- Nov. 20: William Beimers
- Nov. 27: Henry Beimers



Academy for Vital Christianity Class Offerings

For more information go to www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp.

Questions? Contact Renee Flesner: rflesner@unitedseminary.edu

Created, Gifted, and Called: Discerning Our Gifts for Ministry, Jean Morris Trumbauer - Nov 5

Leading in a Time of Change, Jean Morris Trumbauer - Nov 19

The Psalms Speak to Today, Carolyn Pressler - Nov 5

Online:

Entering Crucial Conversations in a Spirit of Love and Truth, Mark Sundby & Kim Christensen - Nov 1, 8, 15, 29

“Northfield Talks: A Community Discussion On Preventing Suicide”

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30pm

Northfield Middle School

Northfield residents will have the opportunity to learn more about mental health and suicide prevention at an upcoming event on Tuesday, November 1 at the Northfield Middle School. This event, free and open to the public, will include free food and beverages, a local community resource fair, a keynote address featuring a nationally renowned suicide

prevention expert, and a panel discussion. Doors open for food and the resource fair at 5:30 p.m., with the program running from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The event’s panel will be made up of local community experts in mental health, school and social services, law enforcement, a student, and a mental health consumer sharing their personal experiences overcoming mental health illness or loss of loved ones to suicide. The event will include current data and best-practice-endorsed information, and will focus on providing attendees with the knowledge and awareness of what mental illnesses may look like, and what can be done to help those suffering.

Northfield Talks is meant to raise people’s awareness of mental health issues, to create community conversations and action, and to provide an umbrella of resources and support to Northfield area residents. The program is being funded by a grant from WINGS – Women In Northfield Giving Support, whose mission is to improve the lives of women and children in the Northfield area through focused giving.

For more information, contact Dave Clausen, Director of Communications, Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE), at 952-946-7998 or dclausen@save.org.



November Trustee Counters

Marty Pelikan
Mary Doezema Cooper



**A Word
about Hope**
by Madein Martin

Hope is:

To rejoice that God became one with us.

To know that hope is the companion of faith and love.

To realize that good has more power than evil.

To listen in a way that permits others to trust all over again.

To smell the roses and know that God blesses us as bountifully.

To laugh and cry when fear has been tamed.

To inherit with joy the adoption as children of God.

To be open to the unexpected with less fear.

To advance in age, wisdom and grace in joyful expectation.

To be aware of love as it is freely given by others of hope.

To strive for the impossible dream, sensing the Spirit's presence.

To let the land we live on be a sign of God's presence in our lives.

To turn the page in life, knowing that God made the first move toward us.

To look forward to better things because God loves the oppressed.

To ask questions, knowing that the answers are not more important.



**In this Season
of
Thanksgiving
let us
remember to**

Be Thankful For:

The mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

The taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

My shadow who watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means that I have a home.

All the complaining that I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.

The space I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.

My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

The lady behind me in church who sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

The piles of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.

The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I'm alive.

Getting too much email bogs me down but at least I know have friends who are thinking of me.

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**Free Thanksgiving Dinner! Everyone is invited! Buffet style – Bring your family!**

**Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM,  
Millis Dining Hall, Laura Baker Services Association, 211 Oak Street, Northfield**

The Laura Baker Services Association is hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, salad, rolls, cranberry sauce, pie, coffee, and milk will be served. **This meal is free and open to anyone in the community, no reservations required.** The meal is in response to generous community support.

**Lay Leaders of First United Church of Christ**

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Rev. Mueller will be on Continuing Ed leave Nov. 28 through Dec. 4.

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

*Minister Schedules:*

Generally Rev. Mueller is in Northfield Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Sunday  
 Generally Rev. Dr. Griggs is in Northfield Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday

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| <b>30</b><br><b>Consecration Sunday</b><br>NO Sunday Forum<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service & Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Consecration Celebration Luncheon                                                                                                      | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b>                                                                                                          | <b>2</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>4:45 PM</b> Angel Choir Rehearsal<br><b>5:30 PM</b> WFFF<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Rainbow Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees Meeting<br><b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Ed Meeting<br><b>7:45 PM</b> SSR                                        | <b>3</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting Group<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Office Staff Meeting<br><b>4:00 PM</b> Small Group Session with Cindy (Parlor) | <b>4</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Wille/Miller Wedding Rehearsal                                                                                                             | <b>5</b><br><b>8:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> All Saints (Classroom #122)<br><b>9:30 AM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>4:00 PM</b> Wille/Miller Wedding<br><b>7:00 PM</b> FlairO'Boneba and Stephen May Concert |
| <b>6</b><br><b>All Saints Sunday</b><br><b>Each One Bring One Sunday</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service with Communion<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Coffee Hour and Letter Writing (Bread for the World)<br><b>11:30 AM</b> High School Youth - Tortilla & Bean Lunch         | <b>7</b><br><b>4:15 PM</b> Men's Group (Parlor)<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Small Group Session with Bob (Parlor)                                       | <b>8</b><br><b>6:00 AM - 9:00 PM</b> Northfield Public Schools Special Election<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Cabinet Meeting | <b>9</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Children's Ed Committee Meeting<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>4:45 PM</b> Angel Choir Rehearsal<br><b>5:30 PM</b> WFFF<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Rainbow Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Nominating Committee Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior Choir Rehearsal | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                             | <b>12</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b> Amahl rehearsal                                                                                                           |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Childrens Choirs Singing</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service & Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Coffe Hour<br><b>11:30 AM</b> High School Youth Group & Worship Team Meeting                                                                         | <b>14</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (Big Room)                                                                                            | <b>15</b><br><b>4:45 PM</b> Music Staff Meeting with Cindy & Bob                                                  | <b>16</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>4:45 PM</b> Angel Choir Rehearsal<br><b>5:30 PM</b> WFFF<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Rainbow Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Amahl rehearsal                                                     | <b>17</b><br><b>1:30 PM</b> Office Staff Meeting                                                                                                         | <b>18</b><br><b>10:30 AM - 2:00 PM</b> Growing Up Healthy Multi-Cultural Cooking Club<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch with UCC General Minister & President Rev. Black (UTS) | <b>19</b><br><b>8:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> All Saints (Assembly Room)<br><b>9:30 AM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> Amahl rehearsal                                                   |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Spirit Voices Singing</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service & Sunday School<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School Classes (Downstairs)<br><b>11:30 AM</b> Congregational Listening Session<br><b>11:30 AM</b> High School Youth Group | <b>21</b><br><b>8:15 AM</b> Men's Group Breakfast (Assembly Room)<br><b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Moravian Comforter Ministry Group (Asseby Room) | <b>22</b>                                                                                                         | <b>23</b><br><b>NO CHOIRS</b><br><b>NO WFFF</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> Stepsisters (#113)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>24</b><br><b>(THANKSGIVING)</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                                                                        | <b>25</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>26</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Stepsisters (#113)                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>27</b><br><b>ADVENT I</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service & "Hanging of the Greens"<br><b>11:15 AM</b> Coffe Hour<br><b>11:30 AM</b> High School Youth Group                                                                                                      | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>29</b>                                                                                                         | <b>30</b><br><b>12:00 PM</b> Stepsisters (#113)<br><b>4:45 PM</b> Angel Choir Rehearsal<br><b>5:30 PM</b> WFFF<br><b>6:15 PM</b> Rainbow Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Senior Choir Rehearsal<br><b>7:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Amahl rehearsal                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br><b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Knitting Group<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Office Staff Meeting                                                           | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>3</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b> Stepsisters (#113)                                                                                                                                                        |