



Cherokee Park United Church

*Welcoming people of all ages, sexual orientations,
races, and ethnic origins*

A Progressive Congregation
Theological Elbow Room
Global Music
Community Connected
Kid Friendly

Newsletter July 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					26 Women's Group 7 pm	27
28 Pride Parade 11 am	29	30	1 <i>July</i>	2 Loaves & Fishes *	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 **	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Property Mgmt 7 pm, church	17	18 Women & children 9 a.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>August</i>
2 Worship at Cherokee Park & potluck picnic	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

* L & F first Thursday of the odd numbered months

**Council does not meet in July

Women's Group

All are invited to the home of Joanne Sylvander **Friday, June 26**, at 7 p.m. Enough interest was shown to keep meeting during the summer. This evening's focus will be on the impact of poetry in our lives, but the main benefit is in spending time getting to know one another in an informal and relaxing setting.

The group will continue to meet through the summer this year, with two events including children of all ages. This is an opportunity for the children to have some intergenerational time to get to know some of the "older" women a bit better.

Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. -13:30 p.m. (or so). We will meet in Fellowship Hall to do a few service projects. We will be making fleece hats, cowls/scarves, and mittens to take to one or more of the homeless shelters or drop-in centers. (Many thanks to Sandy Settevig for fleece, patterns, tools, etc.) Another group will work on a project for neighborhood cleanup. And as part of that, we need "illustrators" for a story to be shared in church. We will end the morning with a taco potluck.

Wednesday, August 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sarah Wovcha will host a potluck picnic, again for women and children of all ages. In true church potluck style, bring a dish to share and we will eat what we have. Who said six potato salads were too many? Please bring "ready-to-serve" dishes or something that can be heated. We will not be grilling. Sarah will provide beverages, plates, utensils, condiments, etc.

Check the CPUC weekend updates for more information on these events or call Renee Pfenning.

Sunday, August 2, Worship and Picnic in the Park

The Caring Ministries team will host our annual outdoor worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck picnic and games; the beverages will be provided. In case of rainy weather, we will worship and picnic at the church.



GAP School Closet

If you are a bit late on your spring cleaning, or do it in the summer, perhaps you've found warm jackets or hats you no longer need. Guadalupe Alternative Programs (GAP) school, at which Tom Murphy teaches, has found a back closet in which they can tuck away coats for fall weather. As long as the zippers work, and they are in decent condition, they can take it. Especially needed are smaller sizes, but everything is appreciated. Sometimes there is a box in back of the fellowship hall with Tom's name on it, or leave it on a back table marked "GAP."



Thank You

We would like to thank Pastor Tim, The Caring Ministry, and all our other church friends who helped facilitate the funeral for Andy's Dad, and thank all of you who have held us in your prayers. During a time like this, we've never been so thankful to be part of such a kind and loving community. Blessings to you all.

Andy, Sara, and Freddy George and family

Confirmation Youth

Pastor Tim and the confirmation youth of Cherokee Park United Church left for Atlanta on June 14 to spend a week of service, learning and experiencing Atlanta. The tragic killings in Charleston N.C., which occurred this same week, were given context by visits to the historic MLK sites and the new Civil Rights Museum. All in all, the hospitality of Laurie and Sander Biehn, the unique volunteer opportunities and other cultural experiences of Atlanta made this a mission trip one that will not soon be forgotten. (More info and pictures next month.)



Sitting on the steps of the childhood home of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Spring Clean-Up & Rain Garden Planting

The May 30th group worked inside and out, and from the ground up to the sanctuary ceiling. Over 200 plants were put into the rain garden and a new variation was discovered in among the Blue Umbrella Hostas, evidently the “Beautiful Barnett Girls” variety. Maria, Michelle, Jen, Dave H., Dave D., Mary, Karen, and Fred assisted Andy with the planting. Jim edged the grass.



Tom found cobwebs to remove while drilling vent holes in the sanctuary lamps; Franklin was his ladder stabilizer and gofer. Kitchen stove burners were deconstructed and cleaned by Mary Bren; Kelly

scrubbed the hood. Frances, Jill, Karen, Joanne and Lynne cleaned the kitchen and also prepared for the next day’s Building Blocks “block party.”

The **north bathroom** door-closer was taken off by Kelly in order to be more manageable for physically less-abled people, and also to help keep that bathroom’s walls dry—so please leave the door wide open when leaving. And Stefan repainted the north walls that were repaired last year.

(Apologies for any names not mentioned. You are all angels when we need you.)



black-eyed Susan purple coneflower great blue lobelia



dogwood blue flag iris switchgrass sedge

blazingstar little bluestem joe pye weed

WATCH IT BLOOM



june grass butterfly milkweed prairie dropseed

West Side Farmers' Market & Energy Jolt

Support local growers on Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. through October 10 at Icy Cup parking lot (formerly Dairy Queen), at Stryker and George Streets. Vendors provide an abundance of healthy local produce such as melons, tomatoes, peppers, salad greens, onions, organic strawberries, and radishes plus cut flowers, farm fresh eggs and chicken, homemade hot sauces, rubs, maple syrup, jams, freshly baked breads. EBT and credit cards are accepted. There is also entertainment for children and adults on August 1 and September 12. Check website.

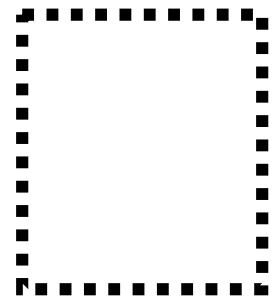
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If you are feeling lethargic, purchase an affogato from Icy Cup. It's an Italian drink of two shots of espresso over ice cream (gelato in Italy, and translates as "drowned," as the ice cream is drowned in espresso, sometimes with a splash of amoretto). Maria tells us that with just one drink, you'll be able to clean your whole house.

Editor's Preference (archives tidbits continued from previous months)

1973 ~ Bulletin humor: Hold this rectangle to your face and blow on it. If it turns green, call your physician. If it turns brown, see your dentist. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist. If it turns red, see your banker. If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will. If it remains the same color, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday.



[Total attendance on February 18 was 72 members and 2 visitors. A total of 130 members had attended at least once that year. Evidently someone sat in the balcony and counted attendees each week. In some earlier years in the 30's, the names of worshippers were actually listed in next week's bulletin as an "honor roll."]

1974 ~ We seem to have come a long, long way in programming. The April event calendar from this year shows (only) meetings for Cub Scouts, Webelows, Brownies, Ruth Circle, Martha Circle, Homemaker Club, Chancel Choir, 4H Sewing, J.H. & S.H Youth and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., a UCW Board meeting, and a UCC Eastern Ass'n. meeting.

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Sunday Worship - **summer- 9:30 a.m.**

(Sept - May 10:15 a.m.)

Dr. Timothy M. Johnson - Pastor

Erik Peregrine - Director of Music

Andy Barnett - Choral Director

Jill Jackson - Director of Building Blocks Tutorial

Rebecca Knott - Nursery Supervisor

Andrew Gbaa - Custodian

*If you really want to make a friend,
go to someone's house and eat with him—
the people who give you their food
give you their heart.*

-Cesar Chavez

*(And thank-you to the Outreach Ministry
for coordinating our small group, informal meals together.)*