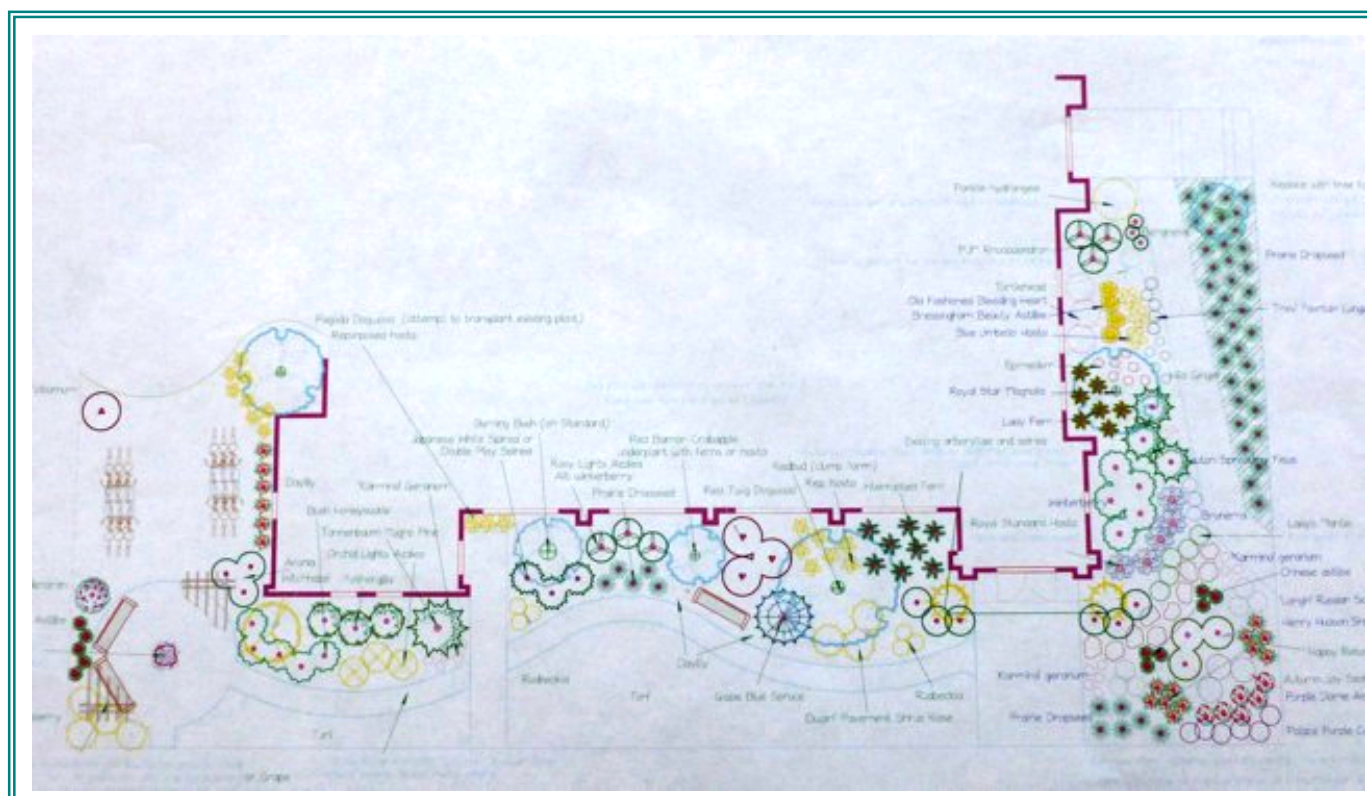


One More Welcoming Effort — Landscaping Plans



Cherokee Park United Church

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

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

Newsletter April 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	1 <i>April</i>	2 Justice & Witness 7 pm	3 Choir 6:45 pm	4 Faith Life 7 pm	5 Women's Group 7 pm	6
7 <i>Families Exploring Spirituality</i> 9-10 am Food Shelf Collection Ramsey Co Detention Center Faith Action Vigil 2:30 pm	8	9	10 Choir 6:45 pm	11 Council 7 pm	12	13 Spring Art Fest opens 6:30 pm
14 <i>Sunday School</i> Racism Forum	15	16	17 Choir 6:45 pm	18 Lobby Day MN United	19 Men's Group 6:30 pm	20
21 <i>Sunday School</i> Earth Day Sunday Vegetarian Potluck	22	23 Property Mngemnt 7 pm	24 Choir 6:45 pm Intergenerational Eve 5:30 pm	25	26	27 Church clean-up Day
28 <i>Children's Music</i> 9:15-9:45 am	29	30 Antiracism 6:45 pm	1 <i>May</i> Choir 6:45 pm	2 Loaves & Fishes 3:45 - 6:45 pm	3 Colonialism Panel & Workshop 6 pm	4 Cinco de Mayo parade 9:30 am line-up
5 Guest preacher on colonialism	6	7	8 Choir 6:45 pm	9	10	11
						18 Cabaret 7pm

See inside back cover for meeting locations.

Getting to Know You — New Member Profiles

Jeff Conrod, Sarah Wovcha and their children Eli (9), Oliver (7) and Frances (5) Conrod-Wovcha are pleased to be new members of Cherokee Park United Church. As West side residents they look to CPUC as a way to connect with the local community while promoting spiritual values within their family. Jeff hails from Boston and Sarah from Northern Minnesota, but both love the seven years they have lived in St. Paul. Jeff works does IT work at Macalester College, and Sarah directs Children's Dental Services, a Minnesota non-profit that targets dental care to low-income children and pregnant women across the state. Eli, Oliver and Frances love their new friends at CPUC, and are especially fond of helping out in the church kitchen!

Valentines from our Children

Fellowship hour cookie and cake “valentines” were baked and provided by a number of our children, invited to the kitchen of Sarah and Jeff. Sunday’s worshippers enjoyed the results of their labor, (& the extra effort to bake a non-gluten item was appreciated.)



Children/Youth Invited as Artists, Welcomers, Musicians **Seeking Non-Ushering Ushers — Adults, Children, Youth**

The Worship Ministry is in need of adults, children, and youth to help with passing out the bulletins (involves arriving 20 minutes before worship begins), and/or helping to take up the collection. Both are very easy tasks and are a small time commitment, and can be done on a rotating basis or volunteer as you arrive. A short training will be provided. Please contact Kathy Berghold or Susan Strebig if you are interested.

Children/Youth Artwork Welcome at Cherokee West Art Fest

Although much of our art exhibit entries come from professional artists, entries are welcome from any inspired person. Children’s art is highly valued; their vision gives us a fresh interpretation and outlook. Contact Sandy Settevig or find an artist’s registration form on the entryway table. See next page for details.

Children/Youth Musicians & Singers

Our music director invites children/youth musicians & singers to share their talents during worship on a more regular basis. Whether offering a piece they already know or a piece from the hymnal or worship bulletin, we will find a time and place that it will fit. There is no pressure to be perfect as this is not a performance, but an offering of a gift to enhance our worship. Please contact Ione Butler or Pastor Tim for more details.

Cherokee West Art Fest Opens Saturday April 13

Although you can enjoy the wonderful artworks any time you are in the church, your experience can be greatly enhanced by coming to the opening and hearing the artists explain their works (starting at 6:30 p.m.) And don't miss the great refreshments! The closing evening on May 18th, starts at 7 p.m., with an entertaining cabaret, featuring the Boycott Blues Puppet Show and local musicians creating "sounds of the neighborhood."



Calling All Artists, Poets, and Musicians

Celebrate your artistic efforts with us at the Cherokee West Art Fest.

This annual celebration features West Side artists and others sharing what they create from God's blessings.

The closing celebration also involves our shared artistic talents; you are invited to join the cabaret as a performer.

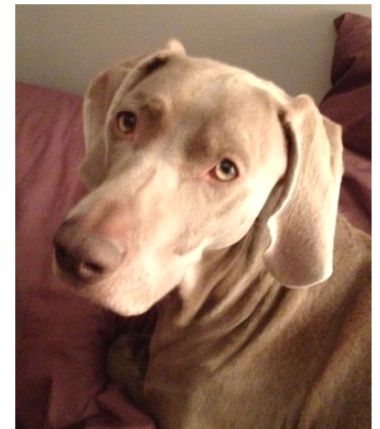
To participate, please contact:

Art works: Sandy Settevig, settevig@comcast.net

Cabaret: Mike Bates, mjbates@skypoint.com

Who Can Resist This Face?

Hi, my name is Luna. I am mellow and affectionate, easy to please, and my owner needs to go out of town occasionally, during which I need a sleep-over companion (just at night.) She is a CPUC member and teacher at UTS; I can vouch for her that she will pay you \$35 a night in money or in doggie biscuits, your choice. I am a well-behaved (not bragging) 70 pound, 3 year-old short-haired Weimaraner. You will love my lake-front home in Little Canada! Please call me, or Chris Smith at 651-765-0881.



Antiracism Team Minnesota History Center Tour

You are invited to join CPUC members to visit the U.S. Dakota War of 1862 exhibit Tuesday, April 23. Admission is free from 5-8 p.m. Exhibit relies heavily on written materials not especially engaging for children.

Lobby Day – Thursday, April 18

Lobby Day is one of the largest events of its kind in the country and the most important day for fair-minded Minnesotans to demonstrate their support for LGBT equality to their legislators. The rally is at noon on the Capitol lawn. In addition to the rally you will have the opportunity to personally meet with your representative and senator with other residents of your district. Registration information: Minnesotans United for All Families at mnunited.org

Addressing Systemic Racism in the 9 to 5

On Sunday, April 14, 9 -10 a.m., the Antiracism Team is providing a panel of CPUC members from diverse professional backgrounds to talk about the challenges of encountering systemic racism in the workplace. Panel participants will explore effective ways of addressing the societal structures that perpetuate inequality across racial lines. How can organizations learn to recognize their own internal “whiteness” and challenge it from within? What can an individual employee do to bring about positive change?

Panel members include Mike and Lael Robertson, Andy Barnett, Sara George, Karolyn Kleingartner and Sara Wovcha. Mike works with families living in poverty as a Project Supervisor at Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Lael is currently Supervising Attorney for the Housing Discrimination Law Project, Andy is Coordinating Consultant for the Frogtown Rondo Home Fund, Sara is a Teacher of English Learners for the Rosemount-Eagan-Apple Valley School District, Karolyn is an Operations Manager with Wells Fargo, and Sarah is the Executive Director of Children’s Dental Services.

In the areas of housing, education, finance, and health care, our CPUC members are challenging racism and making a difference. Please join us in the Parents Room to hear their stories and engage in dialogue. The nursery and refreshments will be available.

Are you interested in Web Design?

The Outreach Ministry is looking for a team of folks interested in helping design and maintain a new church web site. The Web Team will utilize a new user-friendly format. It does not require high tech skills. If you are interested in participating on the Web Team or learning more about it, please contact Pastor Tim at 651-227-4275 or cpuc@usfamily.net.

Someone Else Will Clean My House?

Yes! Cyndi Bradbury will do it. \$100 to deep-clean 5 rooms. 608-286-8341
bradbucs24@gmail.com



MISSION 4/1 EARTH

Cherokee Park United Church will participate in the UCC-sponsored 4/1 Earth, 50 Days from Easter to Pentecost of care for the earth through education, advocacy and local action. CPUC members are encouraged to contribute to an overall national goal to: a.)



collectively offer more than ONE MILLION HOURS of engaged earth care, including clean up, advocacy, education, and behavioral changes that will impact the environment, b.) collectively plant more than 100,000 TREES locally and globally in partnership with the National Arbor Day Foundation and the UCC's denominational partners around the world, and c.) collectively write/send more than 100,000 ADVOCACY LETTERS on environmental concerns to elected officials and local and national newspapers. Pledge forms will be available on Easter Sunday.

"Mission 4/1 Earth: 50 Great Days" (Easter Monday through Pentecost) is about boldly living Jesus' let-your-light-shine proclamation in the Sermon on the Mount: "That they may see your good works!" It is an opportunity to live out our faith — in unity, as one church — for the sake of our fragile planet Earth.

Celtic Spirituality As a Green Spirituality

The April 21 Earth Day 9 a.m. Sunday adult forum, led by Pastor Tim, will explore the modern day implications for Celtic spirituality, which has as core value, a "Creation-filled faith through which one encounters the Sacred in all of life and the deep connections we share with all creation." Participants are invited to bring images of "thin places" in nature where they have felt particularly close to the divine. Drawing from the work done in preparation for the 2012 Leader's Retreat, Pastor Tim will offer insights about Celtic spirituality and love for the earth. Together we will explore how such a spirituality lays a foundation for addressing the challenges we presently face.

Caring for God's Creation

Worship on Sunday, April 21 will link the rhythms of faith with the celebration of Earth Day, followed by a vegetarian potluck. Pick up your fork and do your part to help fight global warming! All are invited to bring a vegetarian dish to share. (No animals, fish, or other watery creatures or any parts of them or their by-products like gelatin or animal fats lard). Consider a veggie tray and dip, fresh fruit, nuts, pasta salad without the pepperoni, cheese platter with crackers, potato salad, chips and guacamole, hummus and pita chips, soups and stews made with vegetable broth, and, of course, any number of dessert options, store-bought or homemade. Recipe ideas: Vegweb.com, VegCooking.com, VegRecipes.org, Vegancheff.com, GoVeg.com, and VegSource.com.



Building Blocks Tutorial's Award Dinner

Help is needed on Thursday, May 2 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. to prepare and serve food, do clean-up, and drive families to and from the events. There is lots of learning and friendship to celebrate at the end of this 25th year of ministry. Please contact program director Jill Jackson if you are available to help. buildingblocks@usfamily.net, 651-228-1378 , or 651-224-9209, or Building Blocks ministry chair, Lynne Bates at 651-457-5156. Thank you for your continued support.



*February
Intergenerational
Evening (pictures)*

April Intergenerational Evening

One World: Family Passport to Social Justice – April 24th

Please join us for our (almost) monthly Wednesday intergenerational evening starting with pizza plus other goodies at 5:30 p.m. and then on to an evening of worldly events!



Kenya! South Africa! El Salvador!

See how our church has connected to people in these countries and how we play a role in global social justice. Fun activities and exhibits will be available for all ages; bring your family and friends! And enter your name in the door prize drawing for a gift certificate that will take you around the world. Please contact Intern Laura Gatzke if you are interested in helping at this event or have any ideas or questions.

507-381-1085 ministertotheheart@gmail.com

New Church Landscaping

The proposed final design (see cover) submitted by Andy Hovland was approved by the Church Council at its March 14th meeting. The design incorporates feedback from the Council, Property Management Ministry, and the congregation. This summer we should be able to start enjoying a new stone path and common area with benches and a pergola (future), and plantings that do well in Minnesota, offering year-round diversity. The seating area will include a sign welcoming any passers-by to sit, rest, and enjoy the beauty of nature. The landscaping will beautify the south side of the church and future bulletins will include opportunities to participate in the project.

Spring Clean Up/Fix-it Day with Pizza

Twelve to fifteen volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. for touch-up, repair needs, landscaping maintenance, and general clean up. Help keep our church home welcoming and inviting, inside and out. Join us in a day of work and fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet at church or contact Property Management co-chairs, Jim Shatek or Tom Murphy.



Eco-Palms for Social and Environmental Justice

As a part of our ongoing commitment to the earth, on Palm Sunday we use environmentally sustainable Chamaedorea palms, purchased through the University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources & Agricultural Management (CINRAM). In cooperation with Rainforest Alliance, Lutheran World Relief and other groups, this effort started in 2005 with the purchase of 5000 palms. By 2012, orders had grown to 808,000 palms.

CINRAM is a partner-based organization that catalyzes the development and adoption of integrated land use systems. It links the expertise of the University of Minnesota with the experience and insights of people and organizations who work with, and have an understanding of, opportunities and issues across the landscape.

Eco-Palms purchases provide fair wages, environmental protection and development assistance for impoverished harvesting communities in northern Guatemala and southern Mexico. Harvesters help protect and preserve their own forests as this program purchases only quality, rather than quantity as in the past. (These forests, already badly damaged, are the winter home of songbirds such as the Baltimore oriole.) Waste has been reduced from up to 60% to about 5%. Harvesters also reap the full benefit as they both pick and process and are paid directly rather than through a middle person. Harvesting is done by hand, preserving the other flora of the forests, and leaving the plants intact to re-grow more leaves; natives do not



have to clear forests to establish other cash crops.

<http://www.cinram.umn.edu/ecopalms/index.html>

Puppet Show

Casting Call for Reprise of BOYCOTT BLUES at CPUC Cabaret

Boycott Blues will be back by enthusiastic demand. Join us this time around! We're starting early to get our players on board for our reprise of Boycott Blues at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2013, as part of our annual cabaret. Rev. Denise Dunbar Perkins will be our Hound Dog again; Joy Sorensen Navarre will play Jim Crow; and last but hardly least is Andy Barnett, who will be our guitarist once again. Maria and Bundy will direct the show.

Three more speaking roles are available: Rosa Parks, the bus driver, and the judge. About 10-15 other cast members are needed as well. See below for which rehearsals are required for certain cast members.

Rehearsal 1

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Attendance: required for cast members with speaking roles
Light snacks will be served.

Rehearsal 2 (final)

Friday, May 7, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: required for all cast members (unless discussed beforehand with Bundy or Maria)
Light snacks will be served.

Please email or phone Bundy Trinz to indicate your participation or if you have questions.

(Boycott Blues in the subject line) uts2006@msn.com. 651-636-2002.



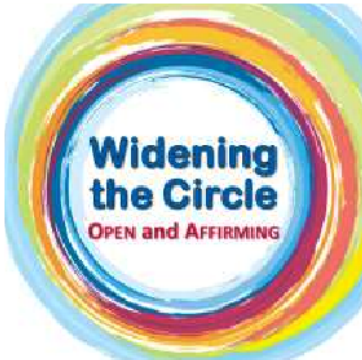
Colonialism Panel and Sermon

For many thinkers, teachers and creators around the world, colonialism and post-colonialism have been useful lenses to better understand history and to enact lasting justice. Come learn more about this—and ask important questions—at CPUC's upcoming Friday evening panel discussion and Sunday sermon on colonialism, sponsored by CPUC's Antiracism Team.

Friday, May 3, you are invited to a 6:00 p.m. dinner created by chefs Okokyeamon (Herb Perkins) and Maria McNamara. The panel discussion follows at 6:45 p.m. On Sunday, May 5, we will have a special guest preacher on colonialism.

Annual Open and Affirming Worship Celebration

Join us at Union Congregational UCC, Elk River, April 14 for an annual celebration of the anniversary of the Open and Affirming resolution passed in 1985 by our General Synod in the United States. The resolution encourages local congregations to welcome gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender persons.



Workshops start at 2:30 p.m., and worship at 4:00 p.m. with Reverend Ben Guess preaching and music by the St. Anthony Park UCC Choir. Workshop options will include “A New Way of Doing Church” by Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson and members of Shift UCC in Mendota Heights and “Sing Out” presented by Gig Nauer, Music Director for Pilgrims UCC in Maple Grove and Pilgrim Point Camp.

Antiracism Focus and Vocabulary

Developing a common antiracism vocabulary is one of the goals of the Antiracism Team at Cherokee Park United Church. Periodically, Sunday morning worship includes brief Antiracism Journey moments intended to highlight and help interpret both the language and what it means to be a congregation committed to antiracism in word and deed. Following worship, those who would like to deepen the conversation have an opportunity to do so by joining a designated table conversation in fellowship hall.

In January, the focus was Socialization, defined as: the learning of the social expectations held for one by society (expectations of social role, place, behaviors, and life possibilities). Socialization influences ones’ aspirations and sense of limits.

The February focus was the White Racial Frame, defined as: an overarching worldview encompassing important racial elements, such as ideas and beliefs, stereotypes, assumptions, images, emotions, inclinations, and interpretations. Central to this worldview is the claim of white cultural, intellectual, and moral superiority. This claim, enforced through violence, legitimizes white supremacy and right to dominate. The frame acts as an “organizing principle” for interpreting social reality. (Feagin: 2010).

The March focus was White Privilege, defined as: a “racial privilege” providing concrete benefits of access to resources and social rewards and the power to shape the norms and values of society that whites receive, unconsciously or consciously, whether or not these privileges are desired. The “white” privileges come by virtue of skin color, European ancestry, and appearance of being “white” – and other physiological features meaningful in a racist society.

In April the focus will be the costs of oppression (to white people, to people of color).

Muslim Journeys: Intergenerational Film and Conversation

This event, hosted by University of Minnesota Libraries and the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches, is showing the 60-minute film, *"Prince Among Slaves"* at the Council of Churches (1671 Summit Avenue in Saint Paul) at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8th. Appropriate for middle school to adult audiences, this film highlights the story of Abdul Rahman Ibrahima Sori, an African prince enslaved in the Americas. This will be followed by a conversation among attendees, facilitated by Joan Haan and Fardosa Hassan. Event is free and open to the public; on-street parking adjacent to the building.

Israel-Palestine Presentation

The Adult Forum on Sunday, May 5, will be conducted by Kathryn Price. Last summer she joined several UTS students who traveled to Israel and Palestine for a global justice trip, led by Eleazar Fernandez, Professor of Constructive Theology at UTS, and Peter Makari, UCC Area Executive, Middle East and Europe. They met with Israeli and Palestinian organizations working for reconciliation, peace and justice. The presentation will focus on the work of organizations such as Bereaved Families Circle, Ramallah Friends Meeting (Quaker), Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, YWCA-Palestine, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, and will also include some slides of visits to holy sites.

<http://www.lib.umn.edu/about/mj>

Ministry Meeting Locations

April 4, Thursday Faith Life
7 p.m. home of Susan Strebig, 261 Wentworth Av. E., WSP

April 5, Friday Women's Group
7 p.m. home of Bundy Trinz, 297 Ryan Av St. Paul 651-636-2002, limited parking
Treats including gluten free, provided. RSVP's appreciated. Townhouse faces the lane behind Ryan Avenue. THEME: Bring an item of clothing or an accessory that has a history for you.

April 11, Thursday Church Council
7 p.m. at church

April 19, Friday Men's Group
6:30 p.m. home of Wayne Bjorlie, 1922 Christenson Av W. St. Paul 651-292-8760

April 23, Tuesday Property Management
7 p.m. at home of Kelly Strebig, 261 Wentworth Av. E., WSP 651-457-1404

April 30, Tuesday Antiracism
6:45 p.m. home of David Hoppe, 1009 Hall Av. WSP

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Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Timothy M. Johnson - Pastor

Ione Boettcher Butler - Organist/Choral Director

Jill Jackson - Building Blocks Tutorial Director

Rebecca Knott - Nursery Supervisor

Andrew Gbaa - Custodian



*While I know myself as a creation of God,
I am also obligated to realize and remember
that everyone else and everything else are also God's
creation.*

Maya Angelou