



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 January 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 January (no choir)	2 Loaves & Fishes*	3 (see Sunday)	4
5 (no Adult Forum or Sunday School) -Foodshelf -Women's Group	6	7 -Outreach 7 p.m. -Anti-racism 7 p.m.	8 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	9 Council 7 p.m.	10	11 Art exhibit opening 6 pm
12 -Adult Forum -Sunday School	13	14 Music ministry 7 p.m.	15 Choir 6:45	16	17 Men's group 6:30 pm	18
19 -10 a.m. worship at Clark UCC (no Adult Forum or Sunday School)	20 MLK breakfast Faith United Methodist	21 Joint chair, meal & meeting 6 pm	22 Choir 6:45	23 Faith Life 7 p.m.	24 History in Public Art 6 pm	25
26 -Children's music 9:15-9:45 -Adult Forum	27	28	29 Choir 6:45	30 Justice & Witness 7 p.m.	31	1 February Parent/ teacher/ leader enrichment 9-12 noon
2 -Foodshelf -Annual meeting after worship	3	4	5 Choir 6:45	6	7	8
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*CPUC coordinates Loaves and Fishes every first Thursday of odd-numbered months.

Women's gathering in the new year

Changed from Friday, to Sunday, January 5

Let's stay home on the first dark, cold Friday night of the New Year and get together in the light of day on Sunday. We'll go to the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul and hear the Minnesota Boys Choir in their winter concert. They offer two free concerts that day — the first at 1 p.m., the second at 3 p.m..



Following CPUC's worship service, we'll have a light lunch fellowship sponsored by "us." Then we'll carpool to the Landmark Center, leaving by 12:15 p.m. for the 1 p.m. concert. (I trust that our friends and partners left behind might be willing to finish with the clean-up.) We can't count on Eli's expertise and passion in the kitchen — his priority is singing in the choir at Landmark.

This would be a great time to invite someone who has not participated in our Women's Group in the past. If you're willing to drive and/or help with lunch, please contact Joanne Sylvander.

Loaves and Fishes

**Thursday, January 2, 3:30 p.m.,
St. Matthew's Catholic Church**

Join other CPUC members at Loaves and Fishes, a church-based program for feeding the hungry. Volunteers help prepare the meal from 3:30 - 5 p.m., serve from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m., and/or clean up until 7 p.m. (at the latest). Young people are welcome to help. Please contact Michele Rehm Johnson.

MLK joint worship and potluck

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.

Clark Memorial UCC, 779 15th Av N, S. S. Paul,

Grace Community UCC, Cherokee Park United Church and Clark Memorial UCC will join together in this celebration of faith, hope, and justice. Rev. Michael Owens will preach, remembering the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Following worship we will join together in our traditional Epiphany Dinner; everyone is invited to bring an item of a distinctive ethnic origin.

This is the twenty-fourth year that our congregation has joined together with Minnesota's first African-American UCC congregation to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2013 Grace Community UCC began sharing worship with Clark Memorial UCC. There will be no worship at Cherokee this Sunday.

Our nursery director, Rebecca, will offer nursery service at Clark.



THANK YOU to outgoing and incoming council members

At the beginning of the new term starting January 5, newly elected member Mary Murphy will be ordained and installed. Newly elected members Karen Shatek, Dave Hoppe and Karolyn Kleingartner will be installed. We thank them for being willing to share their time and talents on behalf of our members; the congregation also warmly thanks Sandy Settevig, Sarah Hankins and Cal Clark for their dedicated passion and service, as they complete second terms on the Council.



Men's discussion group

All men are invited Friday, January 17, starting with a light meal at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the home of Mike Bates.

Foodshelf Sunday – January 5

Foods and funds collected are donated to the Neighborhood House Food Shelf at the Wellstone Center, which distributes over 2,500 pounds of food daily, serving nearly 10,000 households each year. Fifty percent of those served are children and 90% live on incomes below the national poverty guideline.

Sunday School and Adult Forum schedules

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Forum on January 5. There will be both on Sunday, January 12, at 9 a.m. There will be neither on January 19 as we are worshipping only at Clark Memorial UCC that Sunday (see previous page).

Adult Forum - "The Challenge of Jesus"

This video series by renowned historical Jesus scholar, John Dominic Crossan, delves into the historical landscape to unearth the forces that shaped Jesus' circumstances and message. Crossan's findings help the viewer understand the multifaceted connections between Greece, Rome and the Jews, which shape our understanding of Jesus today. Each 16-minute video segment will be followed by an opportunity for discussion, and stands on its own, so you will not be lost if you have missed sessions. Please join us.

Annual meeting of the congregation

Sunday, February 2, following worship

The agenda will include receiving reports, acting on the 2014 budget and voting on a Lay Ministry representative.

24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday breakfast

Monday, January 20, 7 - 9:30 a.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church, 1400 S. Robert St., West St. Paul

The General Mills Foundation and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) are pleased to present the 24th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast, an opportunity to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service, and to be inspired to live out his legacy today



in our homes, communities and world. This event, held in the Minneapolis Convention Center, is broadcast to six neighborhood locations; our neighborhood breakfast is held at Augustana Lutheran Church. The keynote speaker is Donna Brazile, a veteran political strategist, adjunct professor, author and syndicated columnist. Ms. Brazile has a passion for encouraging young people to vote, work within the system to strengthen it, and run for public office, making her an powerful messenger of this year's MLK Breakfast theme: "Reimagine the Future."

Please join us for this inspiring community celebration. Register by January 16 at <http://www.spacc.org/>

The Glory of Minnesota? One version of history in public art

Friday, January 24

6:00 p.m. meal

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. presentation

The Painting of the 1851 Treaty of Traverse de Sioux will be among the public works of art found in the Minnesota State Capitol that tell a particular story about Minnesota History. Through a virtual tour of art



at the Minnesota Sate Capitol, Jim Bear Jacobs will reveal a narrative of white male privilege. The presentation invites participants to ask "How are Native Americans portrayed, and what does it say about our history and current relationships?"

Jim Bear Jacobs is the visionary founder of Healing Minnesota Stories and a member of the Mohican Nation. He has degrees in Pastoral Studies and Christian Theology. Healing Minnesota Stories grew out of the work of the Saint Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN) on religion and racism.

All-ministry chairperson meeting

**Tuesday, January 21, 6 p.m. potluck meal, 7 p.m. meeting
Home of Pastor Tim**

All chairpersons are invited to meet for an opportunity to share upcoming plans and events and explore ways we can better support one another in the life of the church. Those unable to attend are requested to invite someone from their respective ministry to be present as a representative.

Ministry reports requested

Ministry Chairs and all those responsible for reports are requested to have them emailed to Pastor Tim by no later than Monday, January 20, so the reports can be assembled and handed out on Sunday, January 26, in advance of the Annual Meeting on February 2.



CPUC humor

Members are used to the free-will basket at most events, so when a basket was made available for empty cream cartons and used spoons, some automatically threw in their cash. An amused Stefan later added the humorous notation "TRASH. Thanx!"

2014 offering envelopes

Please pick up your set of offering envelopes from the table in the back corner of the sanctuary. Pledges can still be turned in if you have not done so yet; they are very helpful for the Finance Ministry when deciding on the budget for next year.

January 3 youth (grades 4-8) snow-tubing

Youth are invited to go snow-tubing at Badlands Snow Park in Hudson WI on Friday, gathering at the church at 4:45 p.m. and leaving promptly at 5 p.m. After tubing we will sleep in Mike and Lynne Bates' spacious basement and we may also use their sauna. Parents should pick up their youth by 9 a.m. Saturday, January 4. The cost is \$15 but scholarships are available for any CPUC youth who make a request to Pastor Tim. Bring gear for snow-tubing, swim suit and towel for sauna, pj's and sleeping bag, toiletries, dry clothes. If youth have not already confirmed participation with Pastor Tim, please do so.



Practicing Faith In The Home

Saturday, February 1, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Cherokee Park United Church



Child-care will be available for all who register in advance and request it by contacting Susan Strebig.

This morning of enrichment is designed to equip families with simple faith practices for use in the home. If you are a parent, grandparent, or someone who cares about the faith formation of children, this one-half day workshop is for you. People who study faith formation are constantly telling us that the most important place for helping children learn about and grow in faith is not the church – it's the home. And that is good news because talking about and practicing Christian faith in your home will strengthen your family. During this workshop we will explore the following:

- Spiritual styles and how they are embodied in children;
- The role of adults, and the congregation as a community of practice, in affirming and nurturing the spiritual lives of children;
- A variety of specific spiritual practices that can be used with children to help them notice and name God's presence and activity in their lives and in the world around them and deepen their relationship with God.
- Participants will take away an enriched theoretical understanding and hands-on resources to nurture the spiritual lives of children.



Presenter: Rev. Rhonda Pittman Gingrich is ordained in the Church of the Brethren and presently coordinates ministry with children and youth at Open Circle Church of the Brethren in Burnsville. She also works as a freelance writer, consults with congregations, leads workshops, and serves as adjunct faculty for the Brethren Academy. Rhonda is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, focusing on children's spirituality and more specifically, how

spiritual practices can be used to affirm and nurture the innate spiritual capacities of children.

Advent at CPUC

Families (first Sundays) making Advent calendars



Just a note: our children are enjoying playing with our various nativity sets in the children's corner. If you have any unbreakable sets you would like to donate, we would be happy to have them.



Candle-making at intergenerational evening





Angels of various ages



Many stars, angels, sheep, wise ones, and shepherds help tell the Nativity story at worship



Angel violinist

“Horned” sheep



Cherokee Park United Church annual leaders' retreat
Practicing Balance: How Congregations Can Support Harmony in Work and Life

Fri-Sat, February 21- 22, ARC Ecumenical Retreat Center, Stanchfield, MN

This retreat will be built around the Alban Institute book, "*Practicing Balance*", by Rev. David Edman Gray. Rev. Gray sees work-life imbalance as a problem with personal, national, and religious implications. He believes millions of Americans sense that they are rushing through life, with their work and non-work lives competing with one another. *Practicing Balance* demonstrates how work-life imbalance gets in the way of spiritual development, church attendance, and member involvement. The book contains ideas and experiences to help all people develop spiritual practices for a healthy life. It tackles the time crunch challenges that are threatening so many families. It can help Christians realize God's calling for their life and how the way they use their time and set their schedules can draw them closer to God. Gray shows how members of congregations, acting both individually and collectively, can use the resources of their faith to implement these two solutions. The notion of work includes those who volunteer in retirement. A copy of the book will be provided to all participants. It will not be necessary to have read the book as brief summaries will be provided.

Location: The ARC Retreat Center is a wonderful old lodge in a beautiful wooded setting near Cambridge, MN, known for superb vegetarian cooking! Linens are provided. There will be time for fellowship, hiking on the grounds, or just relaxing.

Who should attend: Council members, ministry chairs and other leaders, as well as all interested members and friends.

Cost: \$115 per person includes over-night accommodations, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and a copy of "Practicing Balance." Scholarships are available on request for whatever amount is needed. Contact Pastor Tim

Time and Travel: The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday with dinner and concludes by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Car poolers should be at the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Yes, I would like to attend the Leader's Retreat on February 21 & 22.

Enclosed is my \$20.00 deposit.

Yes, I plan to car pool. No, I will drive on my own.

If you have special dietary needs or restrictions please specify: Vegetarian, gluten-free, allergies, etc. _____

Email address _____ (requested by the ARC)

Name _____

Please return to Pastor Tim by Sunday, February 2, 2014

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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

*“Believe the truth about yourself,
No matter how beautiful it is.”*

Macrina Weidekehr

Cherokee Park United Church

Presents **The Feel of Light**
Paintings by **Tom McGregor**



January 11 through March, 2014
Opening Reception, Saturday, January 11, 6–9pm

Gallery Talk at 6:30pm

371 W Baker Street, St. Paul, MN 55107

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