



## ***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 September 2014***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Sept</b>	2 Outreach 7 pm	3 <b>-Choir 6:45 pm</b> -Stained Glass mtg 7pm	4 -Loaves & Fishes * -FaithLife 7pm	5 Women's Group 7 pm	6 Youth Parents 9 am
7 Worship starts <b>10:15 am</b> - Foodshelf - Brunch - Faith Action Vigil 2:30-3:00 pm -Confirmation Grp 5-7pm	8	9	10  Choir 6:45 pm	11 Church Council 7pm	12 -Mendota Dakota Wacipi food prep 9am-1pm	13  Wacipi Grand Entries 1pm & 7 pm
14 -Sunday School 9 am -Adult Forum 9 am -Wacipi Feast 5-7pm	15	16 Ambassador potluck mtg 6 pm	17 Choir 6:45 pm	1	1	20 ASDIC 8-12:30
21 Sunday School	22	23	24 Choir 6:45 pm	25	26	27 ASDIC
28 -10 am CCE -Children's Music -Congregational meeting after worship	29	30	1 <b>Oct</b> Choir 6:45 pm	2	3	4 (no ASDIC)
5 -Families Explore Spirit 9-10 am - Foodshelf - Faith Action Vigil 2:30-3:00 pm	6	7	8 Choir 6:45 pm	9	10	11 ASDIC

(\* the first Thursday of odd numbered months)

September 7 we return to our regular fall schedule with Sunday School and Adult Forum beginning at 9 am, and worship beginning at 10:15 am, followed by a brunch hosted by the Lay Ministries Team.

## *Loaves and Fishes and Coats and Toothpaste*

Our next Loaves and Fishes ministry takes place Thursday, **September 4**. If you cannot help prepare or serve food, you could also be a part of this ministry by donating to a collection of gently used or new warm **clothing** such as coats, hats, and mittens. (And in **November** we would like to offer **personal hygiene products** such as toothpaste and shampoo; free hotel-size items are also much appreciated.) There is a collection box in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers needed to help with the meal prep from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., serving from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m., and/or clean up until 7 p.m. (at the latest). Young people are welcome. Contact: Michelle Rehm Johnson 651-222-5433 timmj@comcast.net



## *Women's Discussion Group*

We will meet on Friday, **September 5** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Renee Pfenning at 1922 Christensen Ave, WSP; 651 292-8760. All female-identifying people are welcome. The topic is *Best Summers/Worst Summers*. Light snacks and dessert will be served. Please join us.

## *Parents of Children and Youth in Kindergarten and Older*

Parents were sent a letter in August with the plans for Sunday School, youth, and family opportunities. Please contact us if you have not received one.

## *Parents of Youth in Grade 4 and Up*

A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **September 6** from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. for parents to discuss monthly youth activities for the year. A goal is to create community among the youth, balancing social/fun and service experiences; please ask your youths for ideas that appeal to them. Following will be a parent meeting for families with Confirmation age youth. Please reply to <http://doodle.com/ike26z9nu6z62xq2> and register if you are able to attend.

## *Confirmation Meeting Sunday, September 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

At our first meeting, youth will have an opportunity to learn about the meaning of Pow Wows, what occurs there, and to explore the intersection between Christian faith and this cultural/spiritual practice of the Dakota and many other tribes. We plan to participate in this year's Pow Wow with the Mendota Dakota Mdewakanton community. We will be partnering with Macalester-Plymouth United Church for confirmation.



## *CPUC Choir*

Rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 3, from 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. We prepare anthems and review hymns and musical responses for worship services and have a lot of fun! Childcare is available. Please contact Ione Butler with any questions at 952-288-4156 or [ionebutler2@gmail.com](mailto:ionebutler2@gmail.com). **All are welcome!**

**Mendota Dakota 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wacipi**  
**Friday-Sunday - September 12-14**  
**St. Peter's church grounds, Mendota**  
**(NW corner of Hwy 110 & Hwy 13)**



CPUC is honored with a special relationship with this American Indian community. Because of the historic trauma perpetuated by churches on the Indian peoples (and continuing injustice), trust is rare and slow to develop. The Mendota Dakota community relationship with CPUC has grown over many years.

We will assist again this year by preparing and serving the feast on Sunday. Help is needed with food preparation on Friday, September 12, and serving on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Also needed are desserts such as bars, cookies, and fruit, which can be brought to church on Sunday morning; please use sign-up sheets at church. Contact Maria McNamara, 651-224-7267, or Lon Navarre, 651-225-9403.

If you are experiencing the festivities for the first time, we suggest attending the Grand Entry on Saturday or Sunday at 1:00 p.m., or Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Watch the dancers in regalia, listen to the drum songs, shop in the craft booths, buy fry bread, eat lunch or supper, bring a lawn chair (but no pets, please) and relax, spend time talking to whoever is nearby. \$5.00 entry button donation requested if possible to cover Wacipi expenses.

***Mitakuye Oyasin (We Are ALL Related)***

## *Calling You to Be an Ambassador*

Do you feel called to welcome and support visitors and newcomers at worship and fellowship? You will be given specific training and responsibilities and asked a few times a year to serve as a greeter on a Sunday morning. Your role is to extend the peace and hospitality of Christ and help newcomers gain information and establish relationships with the faith community. A gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Tim and Michele, 636 Cherokee Ave., beginning with a potluck meal followed by conversation about the role of ambassadors. See sign-up sheet at the Baker St. entrance.





## Community ASDIC Circles

September 20 - December 13

This reflective, interactive dialogue series is designed for those seeking to better understand the ways race and racism operate in our lives. ASDIC Circles, which are open to everyone, enable greater clarity of thinking, strength of relationship, and effectiveness of action in addressing systemic racism. Each week participants gather to create a safe place for risk-taking, community formation, and acting with care and confidence. ASDIC Circles are widely described as transformative in their impact on awareness and action.

The ASDIC Metamorphosis Program is led by Okogyeamon, PhD, and Margery Otto, JD, with skilled facilitators trained in ASDIC principles and methodology.

**Dates/location:** Each Saturday we gather at 8:00 a.m. with refreshments, and sessions are from 8:30 to noon. Sessions dates are September 20, 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 22, December 6, 13. (No sessions October 4, November 15, 29.) This circle group is being held at Cherokee Park United Church, 371 West Baker St, Saint Paul MN 55107. Community ASDIC Circles are not religious in nature, although this Circle will meet in a church building.

**Commitment:** Participants are asked to commit to participating in all ten sessions of the ASDIC Circle. Advance registration is required. All participants are asked to purchase the text: *The White Racial Frame* by Joe R. Feagin, 2013 edition.

**Fees:** Fee structure for the ten-session program varies depending on whether used as staff development for corporate (\$1400) or non-profit (\$920), or individuals (\$350), and scholarships are available. Fees contribute to the cost of food, the ASDIC manual (270 pages), other programming materials, and stipend to facilitators. There is no profit gained through hosting of the dialogue circles. Checks should be made payable to "Cherokee Park United Church, Fiscal Agent for ASDIC." Contacts: Okogyeamon at [hperkins01@gmail.com](mailto:hperkins01@gmail.com) or 612-558-0452 or Margery at 952-334-3149, [margeryotto@gmail.com](mailto:margeryotto@gmail.com) [www.asdic-circle.org](http://www.asdic-circle.org)

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### ASDIC Circle Short Form registration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ or Individual ☐

Dietary needs (vegetarian, allergies) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Cherokee Park United Church, 371 West Baker St, Saint Paul MN 55107

## *Congregational Action on Stained Glass Window*

The Church Council, after careful review of the Stained Glass Taskforce report and recommendations has taken the following action:

**A motion** regarding the stained glass window will be put to the congregation on September 28<sup>th</sup> at a congregational meeting immediately following worship.

**The motion** put to the congregation will take the form of the following question:

*Should the Congregation explore alternatives to the current stained glass window?*

If the answer to the question is affirmative, then a time frame will be developed for additional questions such as options for change, cost, and timing, all to be explored at a future congregational meeting.

**The Church Council also recommends** the following procedure for addressing any future decisions about the window: *Decisions for changing the window will be made by consensus\* of all those present at a congregational meeting.* If the decision is made to explore alternatives then the motion on a consensus process will be put before the congregation.

*\*Consensus is defined as a method of deliberation in decision-making where all members have the opportunity to express their opinions about the subject matter before a motion is made. From this discussion, the motion to be brought to a vote is shaped in such a way that all members feel the issues of importance to them regarding the subject matter are taken into account in shaping the motion.*

In 2013 the Stained Glass Taskforce was created by the Council of Cherokee Park United Church to explore such things as

- art as a medium for expressing beliefs and values
- how the white racial frame functions in art
- how class functions in art
- whether the stained glass window of Jesus reflects the present values
- mission and vision of Cherokee Park United Church

The Taskforce was charged with facilitating conversations that both build community and enable us to grow in our understanding of the place of art in our sanctuary and our commitment to antiracism. Their work included



a series of sermons on the human Jesus, table conversations in the fall of 2013, adult forums on Faith and the Arts, an evening workshop by Jim Bear Jacobs on art as a medium for presenting particular values and history, and a day of small group conversation. The Taskforce was asked to conclude the conversations with a written summary of what has been learned. This summary is printed below and was approved by the Council at the August meeting.

After substantial deliberation, the Council determined the time was right for the congregation to act before any further deliberation on the stained glass window of Jesus.

**Stained Glass Window Taskforce Summary:** *The Taskforce celebrates that these accomplishments are synergistic and the result of work by other ministry teams.*

**What has been accomplished during the conversation? What is different?**

- Greater awareness about the racial and class identity of Jesus in the window
- Greater awareness of art as a medium for communicating values and raising questions
- Projection of diverse images of Jesus during worship inviting us to encounter Jesus the way others see and encounter Jesus
- Statement in bulletin naming the diverse images of Jesus as central to our worship life
- White Racial Frame summary approved by Council as a teaching document for elders and new members
- Inclusion of children's stories in worship by Faith Life Ministry that intentionally reflect diversity as central to the proclamation of God's Realm
- Sunday School teachers and Nursery director providing opportunities for children to learn about race, culture and art as they relate to faith
- Adult Forum making connections with race, culture, art and faith through study of Jesus, forum on art, forum on the Accra Confession with connections between economic justice and racial justice
- Greater congregational awareness about external ministry and partnerships and how these relationships are informed by dynamics of race, culture and faith
- Naming the tension that exists between the stained glass window which we have inherited from an earlier period in the life of the church and the current mission of Cherokee Park United Church
- Over 50 members participating in a stained glass Jesus discussion using a Minnesota Council of Churches model called Respectful Conversations
- Learning about and respecting one another's perspectives while talking openly about race, whiteness and the whiteness of Jesus in the stained glass window

## *Adult Forum Starts September 14*



Join our explorations of interesting topics on Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Parents' Room. We will start with three September sessions based on Leonard Cohen's poetry, *I'm Your Man*; Cohen is a Canadian singer-songwriter, musician, poet, and novelist whose works have explored religion, politics, isolation, sexuality, and personal relationships. He has been inducted into various American and Canadian music halls of fame, and his compositions have been covered by artists such as Neil Diamond, Diana Ross, Joan Baez, Rita Coolidge, and Joe Cocker.

## *Disavowing the Doctrine of Discovery: Acknowledgment, Dialogue and Opportunities for Action*

Join us for this two part series on the historical and theological truths about the tragic treatment of Dakota, Ojibwe and other indigenous people by our state, nation, and religious institutions. In cooperation with the St. Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN) we are seeking to come to terms with the significant role churches and faith communities played in genocide, crushing native languages, cultures, and religious practice.

**Monday, October 13** - Indigenous People's Day - we will host a public screening of the documentary film *Doctrine of Discovery* from 7:00-9:15 p.m., presented by filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. Small group dialogue opportunity will follow. This film is appropriate for junior high school aged youth and older.



**Father Hennepin "discovers"  
Saint Anthony Falls**

**Tuesday, October 28** - 7:00-9:15 p.m.

This evening's goal is a deeper exploration of issues of history, theology, and trauma raised by the film shown previously. The starting point of the dialogue is the Doctrine of Discovery—the catchall phrase for 15<sup>th</sup> century papal edicts that gave explorers the legal and religious justifications to seize lands occupied by non-baptized "heathens." It set the course for slavery, forced conversions and the genocide of indigenous people. Discovery was the forerunner to the concept of "Manifest Destiny," the belief that Europeans settlers were divinely ordained to take possession of this land. The impact of these beliefs is not ancient history. By many measures - such as poverty, income and health—the historical trauma suffered by Native American peoples under the guise of these philosophies is still very present today. This history calls for a greater understanding and response.



## *Church Directory Picture-Taking*

Have your portrait or family picture taken Tuesday or Wednesday, October 21 or 22 (2:20 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.); sign up at church or online at [www.cherokeeparkunited.org](http://www.cherokeeparkunited.org). All participants will be given a free 8 ½ x 11 portrait and a free church directory from Lifetouch. You may also bring a pet, a prop important to you, or your family for a generational picture. If you donate a food item to the food shelf on the day you sign up you will receive \$5 off any portrait purchase (but no pressure to purchase). Your photos of church activities are also welcome to use in the activity pages.



## *Building Blocks Tutorial Support*

Building Blocks Tutorial will begin the school year on October 14, the second year in its location at Riverview School at 160 Isabel St. E. It is part of the Collaborative After School (CAS) program sponsored by the Saint Paul Schools, Sprockets (the city's out-of-school network), and the City of Saint Paul. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year that CPUC has provided free, volunteer-based, one-to-one tutoring to primary grade students from West Side Schools. Please consider being a friend and tutor to a boy or girl.

The sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and follow the St. Paul school calendar, classes end in early May. We plan to serve 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Riverview and Cherokee Heights Schools.

Check out Building Blocks on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Building-Blocks-Tutorial/1453650214909496>; please "like" this program and encourage your social media friends to check us out and consider tutoring also. The Building Blocks Ministry Team (Lynne Bates, Jackie Rico, Diane Spicer, Joanne Sylvander (Chair), and Barb and Glen Herrington-Hall) is also looking for help with special events at church and at the school.

You can also support Building Blocks with your charitable contribution to The United Way. Ask your employer or call 612-340-7696 and ask to direct your donation. Donations are also collected through GiveMN.org., an on-line donation site for non-profit organizations (Click on *donate* and enter *Building Blocks Tutorial* in the search window, click on the Building Blocks *program* and *select* your level of giving and click on *donate*; However, they deduct a 4.9% transaction fee.) Checks to Building Blocks Tutorial can also be brought to church. Thank you for any support you give to this life-changing program.



Contact: Program Director Jill Jackson 651-228-1378 (office)  
651-224-9209 (home) [buildingblocks@usfamily.net](mailto:buildingblocks@usfamily.net)

## *2014 Women's Retreat: Creating Holy Space*

Friday-Saturday, October 24-25, 2014

Registration deadline: September 28, 2014

CPUC's annual women's retreat is a great way to encounter the sacred away from day-to-day concerns and to get to know each other in a deeper way. Newer members and friends are especially encouraged to join us this year.

Led by Sandy Dodson and Joanne Sylvander, we will explore both personal and communal holy space. We will gather for both serious sacred encounter and more light-hearted sharing. Bring a sacred object for the group altar, holy music and words to share. Each year we also share games and snacks, especially on Friday evening. Many of us like to walk and photograph the beautiful surroundings at the retreat center. Carpooling is available, as are private rooms. Special dietary and other personal accommodations are available. For more information, consult this year's sign-up form. Karen Shatek, Kate Spindler, or Bundy Trinz are also available to address your concerns and questions. Please see registration form on next page.

## *People's Climate March*

There are moments in history where the simple act of many people being in one place served as a powerful catalyst for change—the first Earth Day, a million people at the 1982 No Nukes rally in Central Park, the March on Washington in 1968.

You can be a vital part of a coming “moment” to help the world shift towards a low-carbon economy. On Sunday, September 21, there will be a People's Climate March in New York City. Whether you come by bus with one of 850 groups—businesses, unions, faith groups, schools, social justice groups, environmental groups and more—or participate in a satellite event (<http://peoplesclimate.org/global/?r=credo>) you are invited to add your voice.



This march is in anticipation of President Obama and world leaders meeting for the UN climate summit two days later. The Summit comes one year before countries aim to conclude a global climate agreement in 2015 through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Although the 2014 Climate Summit is not part of the negotiating process, countries have recognized the value of the Summit, including by welcoming the Secretary-General's efforts in a Decision of the Doha climate conference in 2012.

The closest march to date is in Rochester, MN, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Cherokee Park United Church

*Remove the sandals from your feet for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. —Exodus 3:5 NRSV*

**Women's  
Retreat  
October 24-25  
2014**



**CREATING  
HOLY  
SPACE**

**When:** 6:00 p.m. Friday through 5:00 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** The ARC Retreat Center near Cambridge, MN (763-689-3540)

☞ **Often things help us define our unique space.** Bring along a special object that carries spiritual meaning for you. We will create an altar together as our shared holy space.

☞ **Music creates space in time.** Bring a bulletin or music/words from any source to share a song/response that makes a holy space for you.

☞ **Powerful words make space in our minds** What special set of words holds a special place in your mind's eye?.

Music, conversation, meditation, worship, games, and meals will fill our time together. The retreat will take place at the ARC Retreat Center, a wonderful old lodge near Cambridge, MN that is especially known for superb cooking. The retreat will be facilitated by Sandy Dodson and Joanne Sylvander, both UCC pastors. *Please bring your favorite games and some snacks to share.*

## **Women's Retreat Registration Form Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2014**

- ☐ Yes, I will be attending this year's retreat. (fee \$120 - make checks out to CPUC)
- ☐ I am unable to come on Friday evening, but I plan to attend on Saturday. (fee \$60)
- ☐ I will make my own travel arrangements.
- ☐ I plan to carpool and will be at the church by 4:00 p.m.
- ☐ I am willing to share a double room, if necessary.

### **Special needs or dietary restrictions**

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(Please specify, such as accessible room, allergies, vegan, gluten-free, etc.)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_ (requested by the ARC)

## **Cherokee Park United Church**

United Church of Christ/Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Open & Affirming, Multicultural, Antiracist

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371 W. Baker Street

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Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

**Summer - 9:30 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

*Church shopping?  
We're open Sundays.*