



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 October 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>October</i>	2	3 Clean-up Fix-up 9:30-2:30
4 -Families Exploring Spirituality 9 am -Immigration Vigil 2:30-3 pm	5	6	7 choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	8 Council 7 pm	9 Women's retreat	10 Women's retreat
11 Sunday School Crop Walk	12 Climate Change 7 pm	13	14 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	15	16 Men's group 6:30 pm	17
18 Sunday School	19	20	21 choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	22	23	24
25 -Youth music 9 am <i>-Confirmation</i>	26 Climate Change 7 pm	27	28 choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	29	30	31
1 <i>November</i> <i>All Saints</i> -Families Exploring Spirituality 9 am -Immigration Vigil 2:30-3 pm	2	3	4 choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	5 Loaves & Fishes *	6 Women's Group 7 pm	7
8 Sunday School	9	10	11 choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	12	13 Overcoming Racism Conference	14 Overcoming Racism Conference
15 Sunday School	16	17	18	19	20	21

* ℒ & ℑ first Thursday of the odd numbered months

Social Justice Committee - Fall Food and Hunger Focus

Food and the pleasures of eating are central to our human experience. Food is used throughout scripture to demonstrate God's providence, to encourage good stewardship, to signal hospitality and inclusion, and as a medium for compassionate justice.

This fall CPUC's social justice committee will be highlighting the issues of hunger and food insecurity. There are many opportunities for us to take action together during this time. Hunger is a justice issue that even young children can understand, and all of these activities are very family friendly. They provide a great place to start teaching the concepts of service and justice to our children, and for children and adults of all ages to come together to serve. In the coming weeks, we hope you will consider how you are called to help respond to hunger in our communities.

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. The sacrament of communion embodies sacrifice, service, challenging social hierarchy, radical hospitality, and reliance on God's providence—essential parts of doing justice and bearing witness. We are reminded that we are a part of an interconnected global community that shares the values of communion. During fellowship hour, all are invited to share a simple meal, typical of the world's population, as a way to reflect on the message of World Communion Sunday.

October 11 we participate in the CROP Hunger Walk that raises awareness and money for global and local hunger relief. This is a great chance to families to participate in justice work. We hope you will consider walking or supporting a walker with a donation. Please see Andy Barnett for details.



November 5 we provide a tasty, hot meal for those in need at Loaves and Fishes, as we always do on the first Thursday of odd months. See article for details.

Each Sunday we have carts at the back of the sanctuary to collect non-perishable food items to support the Neighborhood House food shelf. Donations are higher during holidays and national food share month, but months like September and October are often lean months for food shelves.

Families Exploring Spirituality

Sunday, October 4, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Lon Navarre and Maria McNamara will offer a family experience on Dakota Spirituality. It will be an opportunity to build on our relationship with the Dakota people and understand the ways give and also receive from their rich heritage.

CLEAN-UP-FIX-UP DAY

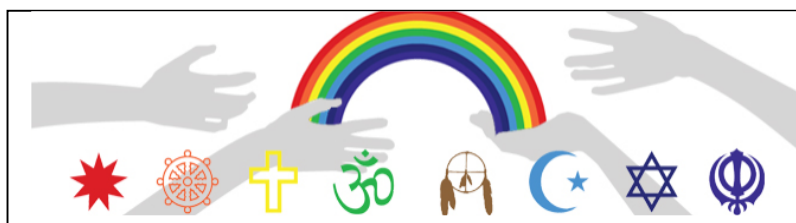
Our annual Fall church building care day will be **Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Come share in an hour or two or more of organizing or cleaning, inside or outside, or whatever you have noticed needs sprucing up. (And please let us know if there is something you see that needs to be added to our to-do list.) Breakfast treats and pizza lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet is available after worship or phone/email Susan.



Climate Change Information and Action

The Saint Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN) and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light

(MNIPL) are offering two programs of conversations to explore climate change and social justice, entitled *Actions at the Intersections*.



Cherokee Park United Church will co-sponsor the first of two fall events on Monday, October 12, Indigenous People's Day, hosted by Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and information. The program, from 7:00-9:15 p.m., includes native drumming to set the stage for sharing sustainability practices, fossil fuel divestment and socially-just community solar initiatives.

On October 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the session will be hosted by the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center at St. Thomas University and will address how an interfaith dialogue within the climate movement can help to combat islamophobia, and create opportunities for shared action. To register and for more information see Events - MNIPL/SPIN series at <http://mnipl.org/calendar-new/mnipl-spin-series.html>

Men's Group

CPUC men are invited to join us on Friday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike Bates. All are welcome. We begin with a light meal; discussion led by the host starts around 7:30 p.m.

Women's Discussion Group

Friday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at the home of Lynne Bates. (October gathering is the women's retreat.) Contact Jill at jilljacksonmn@comcast.net or 651-224-9209. Please join us, and also possibly consider hosting a meeting.

Future Youth Events 2015-2016

Date	Event	Organizers
Oct 11	Crop Walk	Andy Barnett
Oct 25	Corn Maze (8 th grade and up)	Duncan & Ingrid Fleming
Nov 1	Fellowship Fundraiser	Audrey/Sophie/Kaia (& Sasha/Deborah)
Nov 15	Vertical Endeavor Climbing	Audrey, Sophie & Deborah
Dec 20	Christmas Dinner & Caroling	Duncan, Nathan, Curt Fleming
Jan 9	Bowling & Overnight at Mike/Lynne Bates	
Jan 22	Spaghetti & Bingo fundraiser	Andy Barnett & youth
Feb 14	Play	Sandy Dodson
Mar 5	Skiing	Julie Olmstead/Fred Hess
April 3	Fellowship Fundraiser	Nate/Ingrid Fleming
April 16	Feed My Starving Children Service	Sasha Aslanian
May	UCC youth retreat	Sandy Dodson/Andy Barnett

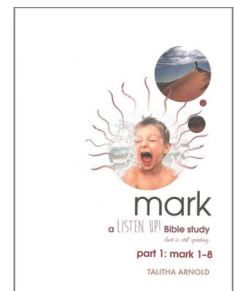
Loaves and Fishes

Thursday, November 5, 3:30-6:45 p.m.

Join us at St. Matthew's Church for our semi-monthly commitment to provide a tasty, hot meal for those in need. There is not a lot of cooking to do as the main item is donated already cooked by a local restaurant. Help for an hour or more to prepare, serve, and/or clean up. Young people are welcome to volunteer. Contact Michele Johnson. If you cannot help this time but are interested, please remember that we serve the first Thursday of the odd numbered months, so you can make yourself a calendar reminder in advance for next January, March, May, or July.

Adult Forum: Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

This year's Adult Forum begins with a Bible study focused on the Gospel of Mark using the UCC *LISTEN UP!* Bible study. We listen to the Bible, to our own questions and responses, and to the honest sharing among participants. A free study guide is available at the



Deadline for articles is the 20th of the month; please submit articles, ideas or feedback to editor Susan Strebig at kellystrebig@comcast.net or 651-457-1404.

The newsletter team also consists of: pre-publishing fact editors Pastor Tim Johnson and Phyllis Clark; copyeditor Sara Strebig Pedersen; collate/mail teams Phyllis & Cal Clark, Stefan Sylvander & Kathy Berghold.

Baker Street church entrance. Please join us for this small group discussion in the Parent Room.

Youth to be Confirmed

Join us in worship on October 25 when these youth will be confirmed. Audrey LeMeur, Sophie LeMeur, Kaia Aslanian, Franklin Dempsey-Hess, Duncan Fleming and Nathan Fleming have undergone a year of study and service in preparation. Last September they helped prepare and serve food for the Mendota Mdewakanton Pow wow & studied their traditions and connections to our faith, they joined with the pastor and youth from Macalester-Pymouth United Church for five months to discuss central teachings of our faith, they met in April at Pastor Tim's home to discuss the CPUC commitment to antiracism, and they traveled to Atlanta in June with Pastor Tim for a week of service and learning. A special fellowship hour will be held in their honor after worship.



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Two friends, Jaime and Francis decided to sign up to help with this year's Wacipi. We asked them about their experience, what they had anticipated, what surprised them, what made them smile, and if they would sign up to do this again.



Jaime: I thought this would be fun and exciting, something different, and that there would be a variety of things to do. I was surprised to see that I could only do one thing - to carry the fry bread from the bread maker to the counter - but I was kept very busy doing that. I would like to learn how to make the fry bread. We were so busy that I didn't get to look around a lot at the other things, but I did get to see some of the jewelry, which interested me. I worked almost five hours,

walking back and forth and back and forth, and after that my feet hurt! I think next year more adults should help in the stand so Joy wouldn't get so tired. But it was fun, and I'll sign up again next year to do this.

Francis: When I signed up I was excited to do something with Jaime, and I thought I'd just be helping with the big feast and that there would be more time for us to just look around. We were really busy; at first there were lots of people helping, but then many left to participate in the dancing and other festivities. It was cool watching everything that was going on.

Jaime: And then later we helped at the feast, but we were just making plates of food for the old people...

Francis interjects: you mean, the elders. And yes, I'd like to do this again too.

(And a special thank-you goes to food and booth organizers Maria McNamara and Joy Sorensen Navarre, our own Mdewakanton Dakota Community tribal member.)

CPUC Acknowledged as Promoting West Side Pride

The Pioneer Press Opinion page of 9/18 printed a reply by Gilbert de la O, responding to a writer who thought the overflowing garbage containers on Cesar Chavez Street showed a lack of West Side Pride. Gilbert wrote "...there are many West Siders who have lots of pride and work hard for the betterment of our community....if you had been to the West Side Farmers' Market or the Art on the Boulevard Fair, or attended the West Side History Bicycle Tour, or attended one of the many art shows or programs on diversity at Cherokee Park United Church, or (etc)...you would have seen that West Side Pride is alive and well."



2015 OVERCOMING RACISM CONFERENCE

Cherokee Park United Church is among the sponsors of this year's conference, entitled "Vigilance Now", to be held at Metropolitan State University, November 13 – 14.

The conference is organized by a volunteer group, FREC (Facilitating Racial Equity Collaborative). Now in its 6th year, the conference and FREC were outgrowths of a 2008 gathering hosted by the Antiracism Team of Cherokee Park United Church and ASDIC Metamorphosis. The purpose of that first two-day event was to provide advanced training for antiracism facilitators. FREC organizers continue to meet monthly at Cherokee Park United Church to plan and organize the upcoming conference. Cherokee Park United Church is the fiscal agent for FREC and also for ASDIC Metamorphosis, dedicated to building antiracism leaders and capacity for undoing racism.



Keynote speakers include Mahmoud El-Kati, professor emeritus of history at Macalester College, Nekima Levy-Pounds, professor of law and civil rights attorney, Sarah Bellamy, principal scholar for Penumbra Theatre, and Dr. Heather Hackman, social justice consultant.

If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Tim. **Because of the congregation's sponsorship we are entitled to five free admissions.** Registration is now open and does fill up. More details are found at www.overcomingracism.org

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*Kindness gives birth
to kindness.*

Sophocles