

# **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 2015***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Sept</i> Antiracism 6:30 pm	2 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	3 Loaves & Fishes *	4	5
6 -Faith Action Vigil 2:30-3 pm	7	8	9 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	10 Council 7 pm	11 Mendota Wacipi	12 Mendota Wacipi
13 -Wacipi Feast 5 pm -Covenanting Sunday -Worship time <b>10:15 am</b>	14	15	16 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	17	18	19
20 -Sunday School & Adult Forum Resume	21	22 Outreach 7 pm	23 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	24	25	26 Justice & Witness 7 pm
27 -Children's Music 9:15-9:45 am -Congregational Meeting after worship	28	29 Fellowship Ministry 7 pm	30 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	1 <i>Oct</i>	2	3  Fall Clean-up 9:30 am 2:30 pm
4 -Families Exploring Spirituality 9 am	5	6	7 Choir rehearsal 6:45 pm	8	9 Women's retreat	10 Women's retreat

\* ℒ & ℑ first Thursday of the odd numbered months

## *CPUC Choir Welcomes You*

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m., starting September 2. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to attend. If you are uncertain you are welcome to come and give it a try. Child-care can be available by contacting Sara or Andy George.

## *Loaves and Fishes*

**Thursday, September 3, 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. Help for an hour or more to prepare, serve, and/or clean up. Young people are welcome to volunteer. Contact Michele at [CPUC@usfamily.net](mailto:CPUC@usfamily.net). 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 November, January, March, May, or July.

## *Women's Discussion Group Resumes Friday, September 4*

Jill Jackson will be our host at her home, gathering at 7 p.m. to share light refreshments, followed by a discussion about the topic "An attitude of gratitude."

Participants are encouraged to consider hosting an upcoming meeting, typically the first Friday of the month. A sign up sheet will be available at the September meeting or you can contact Jill. There will be no meeting in October due to the women's retreat scheduled that month. The coming year's meeting dates are November 6 and December 4, 2015, January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 2016, (all first Fridays except for January).

Please join us!



from Susan's recent family trip to WA  
~in gratitude for grandchildren~

**Mendota Dakota 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wacipi**  
**Friday-Sunday, September 11-13, 2015**  
**St. Peter's church grounds, Mendota**  
**(NW corner of Hwy 110 & Hwy 13)**

We will support the Mendota Mdewakanton community again this year by helping prepare and serve the feast. Help is needed with food preparation on Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and serving on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. **We did not have enough help last year so please consider joining us in a new and interesting experience.** We will be joined by members of Macalester Plymouth United Church. If you can help, please contact Maria McNamara or Karen Shatek.



You can also support our Dakota sisters and brothers by donating chocolate chip cookies, grapes, or oranges, which can be brought to church on Sunday morning.

***Covenanting Sunday September 13***

On this Sunday we return to our regular fall schedule, with worship beginning at 10:15 a.m.

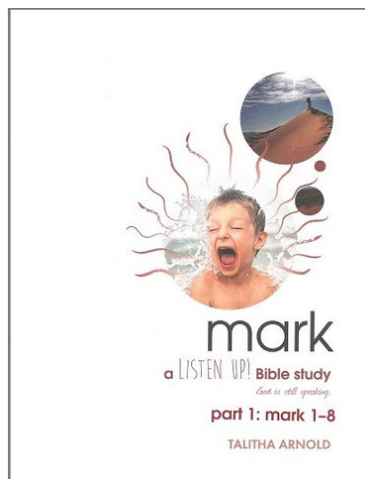
Covenanting Sunday is an opportunity to lift up the work of our ministry teams and recognize all who have committed to joining in the work of CPUC. If you would like to join a team, please contact Karen Hyers or Pastor Tim. Worship will be followed by a brunch hosted by our Lay Ministries Team.



view of Promised Land  
from Mount Nebo in Jordan



## *Adult Forum Resumes September 20, 9:00 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. You will be encouraged to listen: listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among participants in the adult forum. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we believe that in that mix of biblical text, personal engagement, and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort. A free study guide is available at the Baker Street church entrance. Please join us for this small group discussion in the Parent Room.

## *Parents of Children and Youth Grades 4 and Up*

Please attend a meeting on Saturday, **September 19**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parent's Room to finalize youth events for this year. You invited to take responsibility for working with your children to plan one of the events during the course of the year.

## *Sunday School Resumes September 20*

We will be continuing the same rhythm that has served us so well in the past couple years. A letter will be sent out to all parents with more detail in early September. Please speak with Pastor Tim if you do not receive one. We are looking forward to another year of nurturing the faith of our children and youth.

**First Sundays - Families Exploring Spirituality, 9:00-10:00 a.m.:** This is a creative opportunity for parents, grandparents, and children to learn about our Christian faith together. Topics include communion, baptism, prayer, the Bible, God, etc. The first topic on October 4 will be a sharing of Dakota spirituality.

**Second and Third Sundays - Sunday School classes from 9:00-10:00 a.m.:** Sandy Dodson and Sophie LeMeur will lead children in grades K-3 to creatively explore familiar and not so familiar stories in the Bible. Andy George leads youth in grades 4+ to examine scripture, paying particular attention to central claims of our faith. We intentionally link social justice themes with the ministries of the church.

**Fourth Sundays – Making Music in Church:** From 9:15-9:45 a.m., Jen Folkers and Andy Barnett introduce children and youth to a song that will be part of the morning worship service and also talk about how and from where these songs originate. You are welcome to bring your child/ren at 9:00. At 9:45 they are invited to find a game in the Kid's Corner. We welcome parental volunteers to help with this time before worship begins.

## *Super Fellowship Sunday, September 20*

On this Sunday, after worship, the Fellowship Ministry will be lifting up the importance of the fellowship hour in building community and creating a place of welcoming for those who are new.

Members also will be invited to sign up to help host a fellowship hour one or more times during the coming year. Hosting includes helping prepare a snack to be shared, setting-up the serving tables, and clean-up. New volunteers will be paired with experienced members. The standard for refreshments is simple snacks or treats, homemade or purchased, but more elaborate or creative ideas are also welcome, and expenses are reimbursed.



Fellowship Ministry will also be asking folks to make an extra donation to create a cash fund. There is no budgeted income other than the good will donation received at fellowship hour and sometimes we need a bit extra to cover all expenses.

## *Congregational Meeting September 27*

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Elders for the coming year.

## *Mission Trip*

Stefan and Joanne Sylvander will spend time in Tucson, AZ not far from the Mexican border. They will be working with a group they learned about on their trip to border towns last September. While house-sitting for a family in Tucson, they will travel into Mexico a few times. Mostly they'll be hanging out with those who live with and support immigrants day-to-day, accepting the hospitality of the faith communities, and joining the choir at Casas Adobes UCC Church in Tucson. Stefan is bringing along some tools; Joanne will bring notebooks, books, & puzzles, to keep themselves organized and entertained. They welcome your prayers while away, and your interest when they return.



## *We Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters in El Carrizal*

From Pastor Porfirio: Hello Joy! About a week ago I spoke to Juan Hernandez, leader of Communities Building Hope (CCE) in San Jose Carrizal, Ostuma, El Salvador.

Violence — Gangs have grown stronger with the incorporation of young people. Of course, it is a nationwide phenomenon, but in small towns, as Ostuma, the violent impact of their criminal actions sow fear and terror in the community. It feels much stronger. In recent months they have killed two policemen of the Delegation of Ostuma. They have begun to collect "taxes" from small businesses. On the roads they stop cars to demand money; they have also killed several civilians. The government and the police initiated actions that are part of a national security project. The parents of these young gang members feel very sad and helpless.

The lack of rain—The production of corn and beans, which is the basic food of the peasants fell to under 70 percent. Even at the Molino Mill business is down because of the lack of corn.

Reaction of faith—God speaks to us even in the misfortunes. This is what could be interpreted in conversation and feelings of Juan. As good campesinos, despite their sadness and pain, CCE members are reacting with faith and hope. Their hope becomes joint action and they have begun to mobilize to bring together parents of these young people involved in gangs and together reflect on the sad events. Together we plant seeds of brother/sisterhood, to support and face such serious problems. Likewise they intend to join in small groups to rent land and plant corn, beans and something else.

## **West Side Wednesdays**

*Celebrate Your Pride!*



### **Free events!**

West Side Wednesdays will take place once a month, starting October 28, at Humboldt High School/Open World Learning Complex, 30 E. Baker. These evenings, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. will feature fun-filled activities for the whole family along with opportunities to connect with neighbors and celebrate our West Side pride. Dinner is served from 5-6 p.m. A full schedule of events can be found on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Register online at [westsidewednesdays2015.eventbrite.com](http://westsidewednesdays2015.eventbrite.com) or call the Community Education Office at 651-487-7383.



## Roses and Thorns

At the end of each mission trip day in June, the Confirmation youth shared their feelings about that day's "roses and thorns." The week-long experience led by Pastor Tim, along with former parishioners Laurie and Sander Biehn, who also hosted the youth in their Atlanta home, included education, activist, and social portions. In the Fall newsletter issues we are sharing about 20 of the 300 photos taken. The pictures reveal that the trip was apparently, and wonderfully, mostly "roses."









# CLIMB UP FOR CLIMATE

**Saturday, September 5, 2015**

**Join us on Barn Bluff at 11 a.m. in Red Wing, MN**



*You can make all the difference in the world!*

*Join us in demonstrating to national leaders  
that the climate is changing now! and we should too.*

Meet at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 1010 Eat 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Red Wing.

We will begin assembling at 9:00 a.m.

Registration, announcements,  
speakers, meet up

with Low Carbon crossings Riders

Bring water bottle and a snack and wear good shoes.

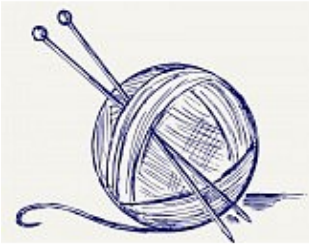
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## Women's Retreat-October 9-10, 2015

"Unraveling Our Gifts" a.k.a "Knitting and Frogging\* "

*\*Frogging: the process of unraveling a knitted item*



A knitter knows it well. One starts with a skein of yarn that stands out from all the rest – with beautiful color or tantalizing texture. Then comes the investment in the process of creating a work of art; but after hours of knitting, the sweater hangs heavily from the shoulders, or the socks are too small. In some way, the project falls short of the vision. What's next? Frogging.

Ione Butler will be our retreat leader, facilitating our conversation about personal gifts, talents, and passions. Connect with others who seek to knit passion with purpose, and who have done some frogging along the way. Join us — unwind and relax at the ARC Retreat Center, a wonderful old lodge in a beautiful wooded setting near Cambridge, Minnesota

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### Women's Retreat Registration Form

Friday 6:00 p.m. through Saturday 5:00 p.m. October 9-10, 2015

Linens are provided.

- ☐ Yes, I will be attending this year's retreat. (fee \$120)
- ☐ I am unable to come Friday, but plan to come on Sat. (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 dietary needs or restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please return form and deposit of \$30 to Karen Shatek **by September 13.**

(Scholarships are available through Pastor Tim Johnson.)

## **Cherokee Park United Church**

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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

Rebecca Knott - Nursery Supervisor

Andrew Gbaa - Custodian

*It all turns out OK in the end;  
if it's not OK, it's not the end.*