



Cherokee Park United Church

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

A Progressive Congregation
Theological Elbow Room
Global Music
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Kid Friendly

Newsletter November 2016

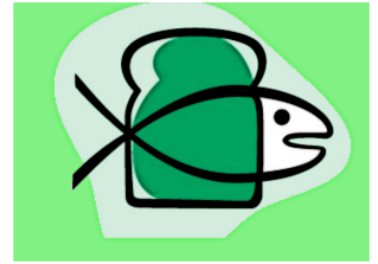
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 -Connect ! for families 9 am -Adult Forum -*TG noon-2 pm	31	1 <i>Nov</i>	2 Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm	3 Loaves & Fishes	4 Women's Group 7 pm	5 -ASDIC
6 --Connect ! 9 am -Food Drive -Adult Forum -Action Vigil 2:30pm	7	8 Election Day <i>VOTE</i>	9 Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm	10 -Council	11 CHANGE Men's Group 6:30 pm	12 -ASDIC
13 -Adult Forum -Sunday School -Pledge Sunday -Potluck - <i>Conversations With Joy</i> update after fellowship	14	15	16 Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm	17 Council 7 pm <i>Bearing</i>	18 <i>Witness</i>	19 -final ASDIC <i>Retreat</i>
20 -Adult Forum -Sunday School	21	22	23 Choir ??? rehearsal 6:30 pm	24 <i>GivingThanks</i>	25	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> (no Sunday School)	28	29	30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	1 <i>Dec</i>	2 Women's Group 7 pm	3
4 -Food Drive -Adult Forum -Intergenerational <i>Advent</i> program after worship -Immigration Vigil 2:30-3 pm	5	6	7 Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm	8 -Council	9	10
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18 Children's Nativity Gospel						

* **TG** - Last transitional gathering

Loaves and Fishes

Thursday, November 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.



Connect ! Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

October 30—Dia de los Muertos

Join Anna Jennerjohn and Josh Welter to explore remembrance in the context of Day of the Dead. If you have a departed person (or pet) you would like to honor, please bring a photograph.

November 6—All Saints

Join Sandy Dodson and CPUC families for a focus on All Saints.

Women's Affinity Group

*...welcoming all women and those who identify as women
or along a feminine spectrum*

Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

The group will meet at the home of Lynne Bates. Please join us for light refreshments and a lively discussion.

(The December 2 gathering will be held at the home of Joanne Sylvander.)

Men's Group (note date change)

CPUC men are invited to join us on the **second** Friday of November, the 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike Bates. All are welcome. We begin with a light meal; discussion starts around 7:30 p.m.

Do You Like Dates?

...not the dried dates we eat, nor the going-to-the-movie type dates, but calendar dates. I am in need of someone who might like to read an advance copy of the newsletter, around the 25th of the month, and check whether the calendar dates on the inside cover agree with the dates on the articles inside. I made too many errors last month, which means I need a second or third set of eyes to focus on this aspect. Noting any other spelling or spacing errors is also helpful. You need email, and the time to get this back to me within a day or so....and you get to read the newsletter before everyone else! Help? Susan (editor) kellystrebig@comcast.net

Genocide and Resilience of Native People of Minnesota

Cherokee Park United will be the site for the Native Peoples Bearing Witness Retreat, Thursday evening through Saturday, November 17 - 19. Participants will bear witness to the historical trauma/genocide suffered and the resilience displayed by Native People in Minnesota. This is a collaborative effort with Clouds in Water Zen Center, Healing Minnesota Stories, and other organizations and the bearing witness practice. Time will be spent at *Mni Sni* (Cold Springs), Fort Snelling State Park, *Oheyawahi* (Pilot Knob) and Cherokee Park United Church.

The church needs volunteers to be Kitchen Helpers, Greeters, and Site Hosts. The Kitchen Helpers run the dishwasher and orient the cooks and servers to the CPUC kitchen and equipment. Greeters provide hospitality and building guidance around meal times for participants and presenters. Site Hosts can greet as well as be present when participants are away or in session. If you are newer to Cherokee Park and willing to help but unsure of whether you can do what is expected, we would love to work with you to be sure you have the support you need to step forward to volunteer.

Please consider being a part of this meaningful retreat by helping. You can sign up online at <http://bit.ly/Bear-Witness>, on the Master List at church, or by contacting Joanne Sylvander.



All Are Welcome Here

The role of greeter before worship service is vital to the growth and grounding of our church community. Greeters extend the hand of welcome to members, children, friends, and newcomers. Serving in this important capacity is a good way to meet, assist, and connect with people at church.

Adults, youth, and families are welcome to greet. The goal is to have at least two people to serve as greeters each week. The schedule for 2017 is being created. If you are interested in volunteering in this helpful way, please contact Jill. A sheet of helpful "tips" for greeters is available for anyone interested. People on the greeter list in 2016 will be included in the new schedule unless Jill is notified. Thank you for helping put our best face forward each Sunday!

Council Carner Minutes

The October meeting, moderated by Karen Hyers, included the following topics:

- The Transition Team is working with Pastor Joy to include all congregational members in the scheduled October Gatherings.
- The Finance Ministry team has put together a proposed 2017 budget. We are grateful for the hard work that goes into this planning. The fall Stewardship Campaign will begin soon.
- The Anti Racism and Outreach Ministry Teams are organizing helpers for the Bearing Witness Retreat to be held at Cherokee Park United on November 17-19, and attended by about 100 people. Participants will focus on the history of genocide and the resilience of Native People in Minnesota. **All are asked to consider serving** at this meaningful event co-sponsored by several faith and justice-focused organizations.
- The Reverend Nancy Swanson, a member at Cherokee Park United, was installed as the called pastor at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Stillwater on October 16. We wish great blessings on Nancy as we transfer her membership to her new home church.

Council leadership remains grateful for the prayers and participation of the CPUC family of faith during this interim period. Please connect with Council members or Pastor Joy with ideas or concerns you want to share as we continue to live out God's will together.



Top L-R: Jerome Graf, Okogyeamon, Karolyn Gilbertson Kleingartner, Glen Herrington-Hall, Andy George. Bottom L-R: Mary Murphy, Karen Shatek, Diane Spicer, Jill Jackson, Joanne Sylvander, (not pictured: Karen Hyers)

Warship may be awesome, fun, comforting or disturbing. At different times in our lives it probably ought to be all four of these experiences. It has been called God's party, a festival of meaning that includes One who is the life of the party. "Joy," someone has said, is the flag that flies from the citadel of the soul to show that the Spirit of God is in residence.

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Why Stewardship? The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. (Psalm 24:1)

Love, Joy, Justice, Sustainability, Peace... These words describe God's intentions for us and the Cherokee Park United Church's hope for the world. As just and generous people of God, we steward our time, talent and treasure to do the ministry. We do outreach, provide Sunday school, sing with our wonder music leadership, care for each other and we eagerly welcome everyone! We are a telling presence in the Twin Cities. God created the world good and called for us to be stewards of this glorious creation. We have a great responsibility to show our care for the world by living as mutual partners, drawing strength and guidance from our faith. We strive to create a sustainable community that respects and works to preserve the diversity of creation, living in ways that allow future generations to flourish.



Sustainability is...

- Using our resources responsibly and fairly.
- Modeling sustainable practices, like using fair trade coffee and recyclable coffee cups.
- Supporting the people in our community by standing vigil at the prison, "battling" racism, opening our doors for community groups who building relationship with our Native American sisters and brothers, attending political events to stand up for fairness, building solar panels, collecting food for the Food Shelf, using recycled paper products, feeding those who are homeless at *Loaves and Fishes*... (and so many more ways than you and I do not know about!)
- Worshiping, praying and being together in fellowship to nurture our souls and sustain our spirits.
- Committing to our children's sustained spiritual growth.
- Joyful giving

I am absolutely positive, God calls us to do ministry here – we do that because we are generous and joyful givers of our time, talent and resources. When we do that together, our gifts multiply and sustain the telling presence of this church in the Twin Cities and beyond.

Sunday, November 13th is pledge Sunday. So boldly, bring your treasures, gifts and tithes. After worship we will have a celebration of Stewardship with a potluck lunch and give thanks to God and to each other, for the many gifts and important mission of this congregation.

In addition, you will hear an update on the "Conversations with Joy".

So Many Blessings,

Pastor Joy



Fall Art Crawl/Art Show

Cherokee Park United hosted the St. Paul Art Crawl and artist A K Dayton the weekend of October 14. A K (Kim) gave a spirited talk about her art and her inspirations for folks who gathered at the opening exhibit event. Her revelation that she “paints” using credit cards instead of brushes was just one of the fascinating things she shared. Kim's exhibit will be up through November 13. Many thanks to the people who helped hang the pictures and who greeted during these two days.

Water and unity: A story from Standing Rock

from one of many stops along a 4000 mile bicycle ride for Climate Action

“This water is for all of us. It is for those who operate bulldozers, and for the ones who chain themselves to that very equipment. This water will be used by all people, regardless of where we were, or what we were doing during this historical gathering. This message of unity, and of common care and concern for our home, specifically our water, can be found throughout Standing Rock Indian Reservation, where thousands have gathered in response to the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline”. Read the rest of this story and to follow and support Mindy Ahler and Ryan Hall’s 4000 mile journey from the Pacific Ocean (Aug 27) to Washington DC (Nov 15) by bicycle to lobby congress for climate action. Story link www.lowcarboncrossings.wordpress.com/2016/10/04/water-and-unity-a-story-from-standing-rock Google: **Low Carbon Crossings** or CoolPlanetMN.org



Mission Stewardship Moment from East Timor

Arriving here, living amidst our colleagues in the Protestant Church, who live with no consistently running water, no AC in the hot tropics, no cars, no bank accounts, we are humbled. Every day in Lospalos, we try to eat simply, knowing that “simple” for us is extravagant for most people here.

What are we doing here? We have made a choice to walk along with our partners for some more years. We bring our skills in pastoral care and medical care, indeed. We reach out every day to people in need in the Church, and to people who come to the clinic looking for compassionate care for their health concerns, be they simple or complex. ...Just being here, sharing in the struggle of life as it is in East Timor, means that we care. And not just “we” as in Monica and Tom Liddle, but WE, as in all those who have sent us. So far, the transition has been far from easy. But, with faith, together we will keep walking forward.



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Rebecca Knott - Nursery Supervisor

Andrew Gbaa - Custodian

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*Whenever the people are well-informed,
they can be trusted with their own government.*

Thomas Jefferson, 1789