



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 June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1 <i>June</i> (last) Choir 6:45 pm	2 Rehearsal sanctuary for Isaiah 6:30-8:30 pm	3	4
5 -Food Drive - <i>Anniversary Dinner</i> following worship -Faith Action Vigil 2:30 pm	6 Isaiah gathering 7 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>change</i> to 9:30 a.m. worship	13	14	15	16	17	18 -Habitat for Humanity -GS Science Fair
19	20	21 Jam-making class 6-8 pm	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Welcome, Pastor Joy</i>	27	28	29	30	1 <i>July</i>	2
3 -Food Drive -Faith Action Vigil 2:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Loaves & Fishes	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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31 -Worship in the park -Okogeamon ordination						

Save the date: Women's Retreat Oct. 7-8

Pastor Joy Thoughts

What I know about Cherokee Park United Church

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

I have heard—at this moment and for a long time—CPUC is doing its very best to reflect those words of Jesus. I have heard, that this church is described by those words. I believe those words of Jesus are a concise missions statement for you and me and for anyone who wish to follow him. *Salt...light.*

When the people asked me about my call to CPUC, I tell them (what I have heard), you are a congregation that sincerely welcomes everyone—you are a faith community that understands deeply that it exists not simply for its own members but for the community, the city, the world—a church that is *the salt of the earth and the light of the world.*

I have heard, when you join this church, when you love it and support it with your prayers, when you invest your energy and skills, when you give your money, you become part of all of that.

I do know there are times, when you are not at all sure there is any light to shine, when you are feeling inadequate and without energy or resources or any particular ideas or skills. I understand how we sometimes think that - but I don't believe it is accurate. I believe God has given each of you in your hearts, light to shine somewhere, somehow, a gift, a skill maybe as modest as our ability to love a child, a neighbor, a stranger, but it is yours and our light that Jesus asks us to shine in the world for him.

"You are the salt of the earth," he said.

This I believe without a doubt - *You are the light of the world. Let your light shine.*
I look forward to meeting and sharing your ministry!

Blessings for the journey ahead,
Pastor Joy



Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Project

Saturday, June 18, 8:15 a.m.

The Justice and Witness Ministry invites you to help with the planting at a Habitat home in North Minneapolis, including putting in a rain garden. Adults and children 14 and older are welcome to participate. Volunteers are encouraged to arrive by 8:15 a.m. and we will work until the project is completed or until 4:00 p.m. Please contact one of the organizers so they know you are helping.

Winnie Williams , Jane Carlstrom



Smart Cookie Science Fair

Girl Scout Troop 52387 will be sponsoring this competition for students in grades 6-12; participants are asked to create an experiment

and present it to judges in a ten-minute presentation. Three finalists will be chosen to present again, followed by an award ceremony to announce the top three projects.

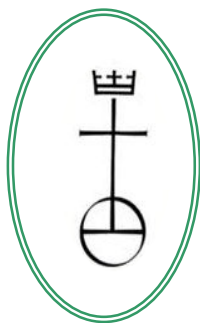
Students can sign up starting May 16; the deadline is June 10. The competition will be held at Cherokee Park United Church on June 18 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for set up, registration closes at 11:30, judging begins at 12:00 noon, awards ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sign up at smartcookiesciencefair@gmail.com
or Christine Shyne

Find how-to information at <https://sites.google.com/site/sciencefair4321/>

Happy Anniversary to Us

It is our tradition to celebrate, on the first Sunday in June, the beginnings of Cherokee Park United Church, a merger of St. John's United Church of Christ and Cherokee Heights Presbyterian Church. This is our 48th anniversary; we also celebrate milestones in membership, our new high school graduates (if we have any), and following worship, enjoy Chef Jim Shatek's tantalizing roast beef dinner (with vegetarian dishes included).



Birds Inspires



The recent exhibit by Monica Bryand, photographer and environmentalist, inspired one of our worshippers to doodle. While recycling our worship bulletins, we could not just toss these away. Who is our mystery artist?

Monica also captured the attention of our families with her visual and audio presentation on local birds.



Children left with their own personal galleries of bird photos from Monica, as well as practice in imitating bird calls.



Monica's work was featured at the Cherokee Park United Church Art Fest from April 22 to May 15 and was part of the St. Paul Art Crawl on April 22 - 23. Her exhibit entitled "Birds in the 'Hood," showcased urban MN birds; on the first evening she gave an informative and entertaining talk about her art. We are grateful to Monica, to all who helped greet for the Art Crawl weekend, and for all who came to see the beautiful birds that live with us in our neighborhood.



Campaign for Earned Sick and Safe Time

Monday, June 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

A public meeting will be held at CPUC, organized by ISIAH, to lead this campaign for the 72,000-plus St. Paul workers who do not have access to paid sick time to care for themselves or their family members when they are ill; the workers who need paid sick time most are those least likely to have it. We will be briefed on campaign strategy, and prepare for a powerful public meeting with our city councilmember about this issue.



West Side Wonders from Anna Jennerjohn

This playgroup met twice a month at CPUC through the winter and spring months. Parents and their children from the Cherokee Heights neighborhood and the larger St. Paul community came together to play with the nursery toys (oh-so-well organized by Ms. Rebecca), socialize, and snack together. The facility was very much enjoyed by kids and adults alike. Ukulele sing-alongs and the parachute were special favorites.



Thank You

Our Spring Clean-Up day was a great success thanks to 20 plus women, men, and children who offered hours of service. Our kitchen is now again squeaky clean and organized, our lower office/Rainbow Room is fit for human use, our landscape is freshly re-mulched, and the pastor's office is newly painted and organized.



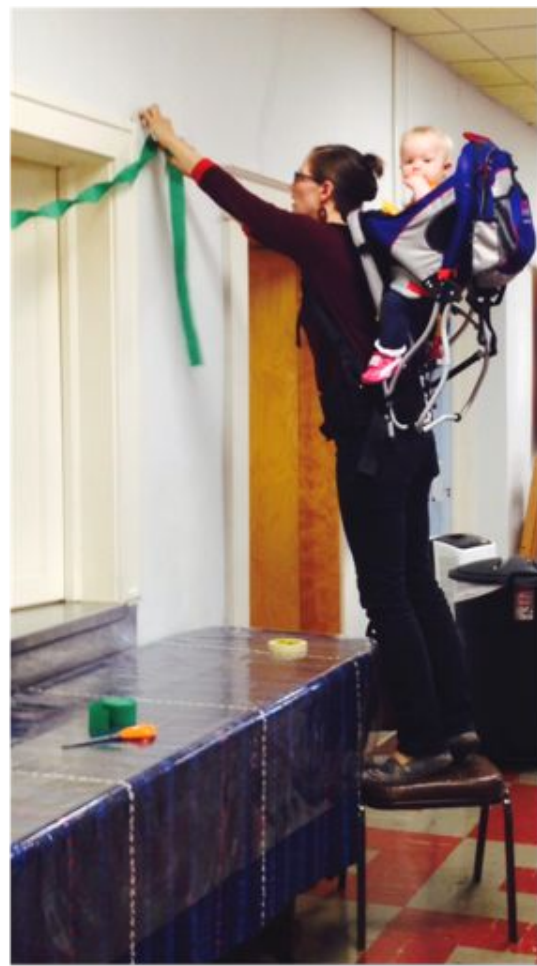
Cinco de Uno/Mayo

Anna decorated for our Sunday, May 1 fellowship celebration (while our septuagenarian and octogenarian members held their collective breaths).

Children had a wonderful time taking turns at the piñata and eating Mexican pastries. All this - in anticipation of Cinco de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo Parade

Members and friends of CPUC marched in the West Side's annual parade on this beautiful day. Marchers use both hand and Biloxi Blues puppets to interact with parade goers. Stefan Sylvander supplied our tow vehicle this year and did a great job driving and assembling the float. Joanne helped with float storage after the parade. It was the inauguration of the new Cherokee Park United float, designed by Maria McNamara and Sandy Settevig. Our new float reflects the work, worship and welcome of our congregation. We hope it enjoys a long life in many parades to come. We thank Maria and Sandy and everyone who came out to represent our church.



Growing Westside

Food preservation classes will be held this summer and fall in our kitchen or at Casa Guadalupana. The eight classes are offered to teach how to continue the blessing of the harvest throughout the year.

Classes at CPUC are on Tuesdays, June 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (making jam), August 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (drying fruits and vegetables), August 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (salsa/ tomatoes), and September 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (applesauce and cider).



For more information contact coordinator, Helen Sullinger, at hbsulling@gmail.com. Check out www.growingwestside.com for many more opportunities such as the Seed Library at Riverside Library. If you are interested in helping to host any of these events, please contact Joanne Sylvander.

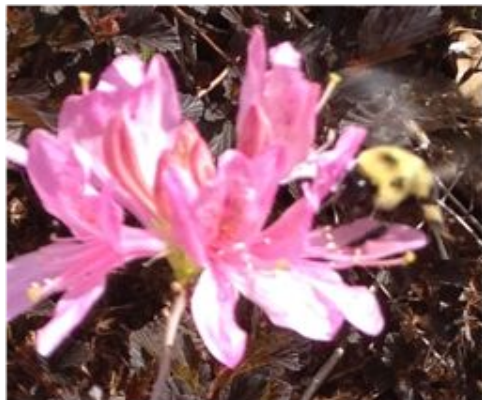
West Side Farmers' Market

Opening June 4, Icy Cup parking lot, 63 George St. W.
(Saturdays through mid-October, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Women's & Men's Discussion Groups

These groups, which usually occur on the first Fridays for the women, and third Fridays for the men, will resume their meetings in September.

One thankful bee savoring our azaleas



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

The newsletter team also consists of copyeditor Sara Strebige Pedersen, collate/mail teams Phyllis & Cal Clark, Stefan Sylvander & Kathy Bergthold.

Council Corner from Jill Jackson

At the May Council meeting, Moderator Jerome Graf led an upbeat and open-hearted gathering. We thank Okogyeamon and Maria McNamara who are willing to be our representatives to the June MN Conference UCC meeting. We also congratulate Karen Shatek, Karolyn Kleingartner and Scott Kleingartner on their 25-year membership anniversaries. The Council encourages everyone to attend the special worship service on June 5 where anniversary pins will be awarded, followed by a roast beef dinner organized by the Property Management Ministry (non-meat options available). Please contact Susan Strebog if you can help with this meal for an hour on Saturday or Sunday.

Jim Shatek, representing the Property Management Ministry, reported the successful completion of phase one of the seven new (west) windows installation.

The Council also has an ongoing discussion of goals for the interim time with Pastor Joy; congregational input is welcome. The council is grateful for the signs of continuity and growth at Cherokee Park United.

Herb Perkins/Okogyeamon to be Ordained July 31

Okogyeamon is called to this ministry by Cherokee Park United Church (CPUC); it is a three-way covenant between CPUC—as approved by the council in March—Okogyeamon, and the MN Conference of the UCC. The ordination service will be at CPUC and will involve conference and CPUC representatives as well as guests that Okogyeamon will invite, and is open to the public. Rev. Tim Johnson will be preaching, as requested by Okogyeamon, and will do so as a minister with standing in the MN Conference.

This is the formal beginning of Okogyeamon's ministry, which of course has been evident all along, but is now recognized as a ministry being carried on with the authority of and accountable to CPUC and the MN Conference.



During the Transition

Pastoral Care: Glen Herrington-Hall

Building Scheduling: Joanne and Stefan Sylvander

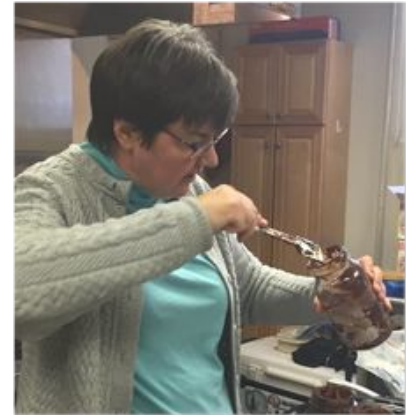


Little Free Library Children's Books Needed

Our *Little Free Library* needs replenishing so it may be time for you to clear out any books you don't really need anymore and share them with others. There is a blue plastic bin under the coat rack near the Parent Room for any books you might want to donate; **children's books especially needed.**

Chocolate - Mmm, Caramel - Mmm

Do you suppose Winnie might share the recipes of the great home made chocolate and caramel toppings she brought to Pastor Tim's *Just Desserts* party?



Fighting Hunger through Neighborhood House

There can be a lot of misinformation and embarrassment around the perception of who uses a food shelf. Many participants have said, "I never thought I would be here," or, "I need food, but I'm not the type of person who uses a food shelf." Even worse, there are also people who are hungry but don't use the food market because they "don't want a free handout" and are ashamed to seek support for their families.



The Neighborhood House Free Food Market (located in the Wellstone Center) operates on the walk-in choice model, meaning that no one needs an appointment; after completing a brief intake the first visit only (there are eligibility requirements), they shop with a volunteer.

Cherokee Park United has a commitment to collect food each first Sunday for Neighborhood House. Any produce **from our own gardens** also can be donated if brought to the Neighborhood House any time during open hours, which are Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Anders Ringdahl-Mayland, 651-789-2524, ARMayland@neighb.org

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Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Summer worship hours start June 12 - 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Glen Harrington-Hall, Pastoral Care

Interim pastor starting June 20: Rev. Joy Smith

Abe Hunter, Director of Music Ministries

Rebecca Knott - Nursery Supervisor

Andrew Gbaa - Custodian

Advice to Newly-Weds

USE RECEIVE MODE MORE THAN TRANSMIT MODE.

from Susan's niece Christel's
husband Jason's uncle Rick