



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 January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31	1 <i>JAN</i>	2	3 Choir 6:30 pm	4 Loaves & Fishes *	5 Women's Group 7 pm	6 Unhanging of Greens! 10 am
7 -Food Collection	8	9 Seeds of Resistance 6 pm	10 Choir 6:30 pm	11 Council 7 pm	12	13
14 Worship at Clark Grace SSP at 10:00 & potluck	15	16	17 Choir 6:30 pm	18 All congregation Soup Supper 6 pm	19 Men's Group 6:30 pm	20
21	22	23 -Sacred Space 4:30 pm -Outreach 7 pm	24 Choir 6:30 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Choir 6:30 pm	1 <i>FEB</i>	2	3
4 -Food Collection -Pancake Breakfast Yum!	5	6	7 Choir 6:30 pm	8 Council 7 pm	9	10

***Loaves & Fishes** first Thursday of the odd numbered months

Loaves & Fishes



January 4, Thursday, 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 (3:45 - 5:00 p.m.), and/or clean up (4:40-6:30 p.m.). Contact Michele at michelerj@comcast.net or 651-497-4753.

Women's Affinity Group

January 5, Friday, 7:00 p.m.

The Women's Affinity Group will meet at the home of Karen Shatek. Light refreshments will be served and a lively discussion shared. We look forward to a time of building relationships and sharing our lives with each other.

Ungreening

January 6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an hour to take down the Christmas greens and enter a new liturgical season.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

January 14, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (not our usual 10:15)

We will worship with Clark Grace UCC, 779 15th Avenue South St. Paul, for our annual celebration worship. The tradition has been to alternate churches and this year we will travel to Pastors Oliver and Lisa's church. Afterwards, we will share a potluck lunch. Both choirs will join together and bless us with their music. And Pastor Joy will be the preacher.

Soup Supper & Transition Team Community Conversation

January 18, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

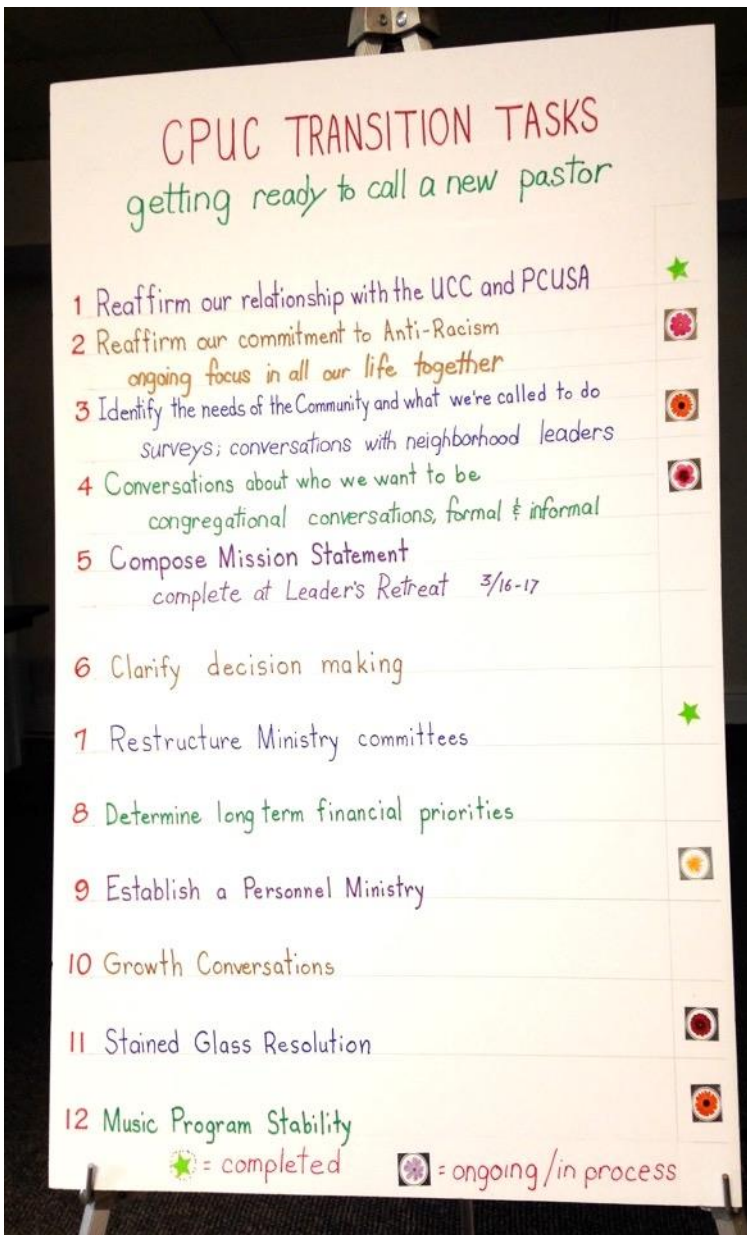
Several leaders and neighborhood businesses have accepted our invitation to participate on a panel to talk about the needs of our neighborhood and discuss with us how we can work together. This is an important step in the transition to renew our mission ministry. Who are our neighbors? What is going around us? How can we serve our neighbors? We will meet in Fellowship Hall for a soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by a panel discussion of representatives from Neighborhood House, local businesses, and others. All are invited.



Men's Group

January 19, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

The Men's Group will be held at the home of Mike Bates. We will share a meal and discuss a topic of relevance.



Outreach Meeting

January 23, 7:00 p.m. at home of Jill Jackson

Transition Team Chart

You can check on the progress of the Transition Team by viewing this chart which is located at the front of the stage in Fellowship Hall. The right-hand column indicates where in the process each task is, whether started, in process, or completed. And if we need any really neat hand-printing to be done in the future we now know that Karen Shatek and Sandy Dodson are the people to ask.

Thank you to *Sophie & Eli*
for sharing their music
during the Advent season.



Food (not just) for Thought

Please consider organizing set-up, snacks, or cleanup for fellowship hour any Sunday starting with January 28. Sign-up binder is located on table in Fellowship Hall.

Council Corner – December 2017

Visitors included the Rev. Gail Robb, our transitional liaison from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, newly elected Council members Tomie Evans and Susan Strebig who will start their time on Council in January of 2018, and Lynne Bates who reported on church finances.



Pastor Robb reviewed the process of the Mission Study that the Pastoral Transition Team and the entire church will embark on in the next few months. The survey taken in November is a part of this process. The study will culminate in the election of a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) which will search for a new called pastor.

The Pastoral Transition Team will hold a Community Conversation and Soup Supper at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 18 at church. All members and friends are encouraged to attend. The goal is to hear from community leaders, business people, and neighbors about the needs and strengths of the community Cherokee Park United shares and serves.

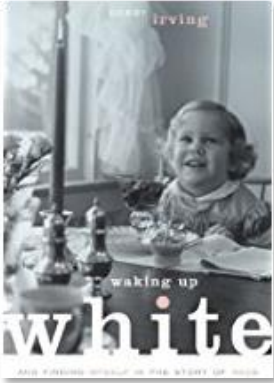
Council has approved and forwarded a “Creation Care and Healing Conversations” Overture to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area to encourage all PCUSA congregations to advocate for action on climate. If approved by the Presbytery at its January meeting and at least one other Presbytery, the Overture will be considered at the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA in June. Contact Tomie Evans for more information.

The merged Justice and Witness Ministry Team and Anti-Racism Ministry Team will now be called the Seeds of Resistance Ministry of Cherokee Park United Church. Their ministry description includes a commitment to working for justice and seeking a just church, a just nation, and a just world. More details are available from team members, Pastor Joy, or Council representatives.

The annual CPUC Leader's Retreat will be March 16-17, 2018 at the ARC Retreat Center. The church's mission statement will be revised. The Council encourages all interested in attending to put these dates on their calendars.

The Council thanks Okogyeamon and Joanne Sylvander who completed their Council terms at the December meeting. The Council remains grateful for the prayers and participation of the people during this transitional period. Please connect with Council members or Pastor Joy with ideas or feedback you want to share as we work together to discern our church's future.

Adult Forum Update



The Adult Forum is reading and discussing the book ***Waking Up White*** by Debby Irving, which explores her mid-life realization of her white privilege. She details her own transformation and efforts to undo the unfair racial, cultural and systemic ramifications of privilege.

All who wish to participate are welcome. The forum meets in the Parent's Room at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month and on holidays. Please find a copy of the book to use or if you have trouble obtaining one, please contact Jill Jackson. An outline of the chapters to read for each session is available at church. We are on Week Three of our study on January 7th. Please join us!

Help Cherokee Park United GROW by Greeting or being an Ambassador!

The role of **greeter** before worship service is key to the growth and grounding of our church community. Greeters extend the hand of welcome to members, children, friends, and newcomers. **Ambassadors** watch for new faces at worship services. They welcome visitors during worship and join them at fellowship time. Serving in these important capacities is a good way to meet, assist, and connect with people at church. Adults, youth, and families are welcome to serve.



If you are interested in volunteering for one of these roles please contact Jill Jackson at 651-224-9209 or jilljacksonmn@comcast.net. A training session for new and present greeters/ambassadors will be held in February. Thank you for helping welcome all at CPUC!

Communion Servers: We also invite you to consider volunteering in this way. We usually schedule each person about four times a year, and if your schedule does not work with that particular Sunday we can find a substitute. A complete description of "how to" is available and given to all new volunteers, as well as any assistance to feel comfortable doing this. Please contact Susan Strebig, 651-457-1404 or at kellystrebig@comcast.net

Thank you to **Camelot Cleaners** at the corner of Smith & Dodd for again dry cleaning, at no charge, our paraments (special fabrics that adorn our pulpit and altar). Please extend CPUC's thanks next time you are a customer there.



The Naked I: Recognize/d

February 1-11 (Highly recommended by Tomie)
Featuring the contributions of over 50 LGBTQIAP+ artists, **THE NAKED I: RECOGNIZE/D** will explore queer and transgender experience through brand new, never before seen monologues, short scenes, movement pieces, spoken word poems, short film, and more. At the Minnsky Theatre, 1517 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. 20% Theatre continues to create and produce a new NAKED I production every two years since 2009.
www.tctwentypercent.org/archive/nakedi5.html

Seeds of Resistance

What? Why? Don't let the name throw you, but do let it inspire you. The ministries formerly named as Justice and Witness and Antiracism are now combined into one. The title comes from its mission, which in part, is to "resist all systems that stand in the way of achieving Justice for all." New and exciting justice programs are being developed, along with the familiar and very popular pancake breakfast fundraisers to support those endeavors! (February 4 and April 15)



West Side Thursdays

Part of our commitment to the West Side has been to the students in the local schools. After our volunteer tutoring service of 27 years, we continue our presence at events like the West Side Thursdays. The next

one will take place at Humboldt High School on February 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Krumkake Anyone?

Thanks to Sasha Aslanian and Kay Myhrman-Toso for sharing their culinary expertise, delighting our palates during Advent fellowship.

ASDIC Circles are designed to provide you with an in-depth experience to better understand the ways race and racism operate in all of our lives. They will give you greater clarity of thinking, strength of relationship, and effectiveness of action in addressing systemic racism.

Each week we gather to create a safe place for risk-taking, community dialogue, and acting with care and confidence. The experience includes readings and videos, large and small group discussions, the sharing of personal stories, and practicing skills to show up and speak up when racism occurs.

10 Saturday Sessions Feb 3-Apr 21 (no session March 3 or 31)

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (includes breakfast)

Location: Cherokee Park United Church, 371 Baker Street W., Saint Paul, MN 55107

Learn more and register at asdicycle.org/circle

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Joy Smith - Interim Pastor

Abe Hunter - Director of Music Ministry

It's not important how long you live,
but how you live.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.