

ARE YOU A SERVING HANDS VOLUNTEER?



In the process of creating a Congregational Ministry Plan to ReThink, ReCreate Church, our Church was asked, Who does our heart break for? We answered with *"our heart breaks for those whose lives could be bettered by a helping hand that they are not getting; for those experiencing grief; and for those who are in need of, but not receiving, the strength and peace that faith in Christ can bring"*.

And when asked about setting the vision and goals and what "success/fruitfulness" would look like three to five years from now, one of our answers was *"Hands-on mission projects engaging 50% of members annually"*. Wow! That goal challenged our Mission Outreach Ministry Team to ReThink Mission. But then our Team thought, wait a minute, we believe many AHUMC members are already doing mission outreach for those in need, either through or outside AHUMC.

We think we have many members who are already Serving Hands Volunteers and we want to hear from you! At the June 13th Worship Service you will receive a "paper" hand in your bulletin. You can help us to be identified as a Church with many Serving Hands Volunteers.

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THE PASTOR SHARES

I will be out for a few weeks as I recover from surgery. I appreciate your prayers and support.

I'm looking forward to welcoming Rev. Lori Nielsen (my wife) on our church staff ¼ time. She brings many gifts and graces to the staff and years of wonderful experience. Last week, I looked at the pictures of former pastors of AHUMC, Lori will be the first female pastor at AHUMC in its 120 years!

I think one of the exciting things that she brings is a female perspective and an opportunity for people to relate to a female clergy person. Not everyone may be comfortable sharing their private hurts or struggles with a male clergy person. I hope you will come to know and love Lori in her new role at AHUMC.

She will formally start in July but will be leading worship in the first two Sundays this month as I recover.

I also appreciate the opportunity to focus on some personal health issues by slowing down from 50 hours per week to 35-40. A big thanks to our Staff Parish Relations team, our District Superintendent,

Liz Lopez, and Bishop Dyck for working together to on this appointment.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Chip

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If you currently volunteer your services or if you have participated in hands-on outreach in our community during the past year, **please sign your name on a paper hand and tell us where you serve. Keep in mind that we draw the circle wide to count all members doing mission outreach for those in need, either through or outside AHUMC.** We are hoping to have many hands strung together with yarn across our narthex. Let's celebrate our service to God through our service to those in need.



*Thelma James,
Mission Outreach Ministry Team*

NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS... Beginning in June and throughout the summer months the office will NOT be open on Fridays. Office hours will be Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED... The office will be closed Monday, May 31 in honor of the Memorial Day holiday.

OUT OF THE OFFICE... Pastor Chip will be out of the office as he continues to recover from surgery. Please call the office if we can assist you in any way.

Cindy will be out of the office the first week of July. There will be limited coverage each day, Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead if you need to get in.

MAILBOX UPDATE... The lists of mailboxes and mailbox owners posted on the bulletin board in the church office have been updated.

NEW MAINTENANCE SERVICE REQUEST FORM... There are now forms in Kelly Ferdig's slot on the bulletin board to use to request maintenance around the church. Using this form we hope to get Kelly the information he needs to complete the tasks and better allow him to let us know when things are completed.

UPDATING OUR RECORDS... We are in the process of updating our electronic database. If you know anyone that has been inadvertently deleted from our mailing lists or would like to be added, please contact Cindy in the office. She would be happy to add them.

NEW MEMBERS... In April we welcomed two new members to our congregation



Lillian Loll
563 County Road B W.
#204
Roseville, MN 55113
651.489.2217



Ronald Russell
3139 McKnight #304
White Bear Lake, MN
55110
651.472.9604

ON-LINE GIVING COMING... In keeping up with current times, the Finance Committee has been given the green light from the Administrative Council to proceed with arrangements that would allow our members and friends, who find it more convenient, to donate on-line. We are excited about this upcoming addition to our church website providing a new option for donating to financially support our ministries. We will keep you posted on our progress.

MAXINE / EDUCATION

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL begins June 6. Our unit is on **People of Faith**. It is all about the people who spread the word of Jesus after his death and resurrection. We will learn about Barnabas, Philip, Lois and Eunice and many more. Join us for a one-room schoolhouse and learn about how God used ordinary people to spread His Good News.

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!

Sign Up Now for Vacation Bible School!



Sunday, June 6 is the last day to sign up and receive a FREE CD worth \$3.75. It's full of songs and games just

for you from our awesome Galactic Blast adventure! Information is at the Welcome Center or you may download and application from our web site. VBS is from June 21 – June 24. The theme is **Galactic Blast!** We will have a **Cosmic Adventure Praising God!** We have an awesome four days planned including, Bible Stories, Green Earth Tips and Cosmic Crafts.

For more information, please contact Maxine at 651.776.1547.

ADULT EDUCATION...



In September, AHUMC is planning an adult educational experience. First, on Wednesday, September 15, **Kathryn Schifferdecker**, an Assistant Professor of the Old Testament from Luther Seminary will join us at 6:30 p.m. for a talk on the **Dead Sea Scrolls**.

On the following Tuesday, September 21, we have tickets for 20 people to attend the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit at the Science Museum. The cost is \$22 (a real bargain) and includes the Dead Sea Scrolls, entrance to the Omniplex Theater 2 (Arabia) and admission to the Science Museum.

We will meet at the church around 9:30 a.m. and car pool to the museum. We will be at the Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch is available on the premises at the *Elements Café*. This is a special group rate for seniors and the best price in town!

Please contact Maxine for more information and tickets.

ESSENCE OF SUMMER

The three places chosen for the Essence of Summer this year are:

- June 15 The Walker Art Museum & lunch at the museum
- July 14 The Gammelgarden Museum in Lindstrom & lunch
- August 19 The Mill City Museum & lunch

The Walker Art Museum trip will begin at AHUMC. We will meet at Arlington Hills at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the Walker.

In addition to the exhibits there are two free films. One of the films is "Pull My Daisy" – based on Jack Kerouacs writings about the relationship between Art and Everyday Life from 1959. Another film is 1964 – which focuses on works made during a period of tremendous upheaval in the United States. We will have lunch at Gallery 8 Café on the top floor.

Of course, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is right across the road and is free along with the Cowles Conservatory. And they have a terrific shop!

Sign-up at the Welcome Center or call Maxine.

SAVE THESE DATES

THE KAREN PRAISE CHOIR will join us for a special concert during our Worship Service Sunday, June 6.

STAFF PLANNING MEETING will be held on Wednesday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. at AHUMC. The staff will be mapping out the 2010-2011 year.

A CHURCH CONFERENCE has been scheduled for Sunday, June 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Please join us if you are able.

THE CARD STAMPING GROUP will meet on Thursday, June 24 at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. Cards are made for our home bound and institutionalized members. If you are interested in helping with the cards, please join us. All are welcome.

SOCIAL GROUPS

THE BRIDGE GROUP will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 10 in the Fireside Room. Lorraine Swanson will be hostess. Please let her know if you can play. New players are always welcome.

THE BLB GROUP will meet at Denny's at 9:00 a.m. on June 19. Contact Hub Appleton or Cy Roy if you have questions.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cathy Ahlberg
- 3 Nathan Urfer
- 5 Amy Benson
- 5 Helen Merkle
- 6 Todd Jagodzinski
- 8 Earl Hobbs
- 8 Vivian LaRock
- 8 Gerald Leland
- 9 Diane Ellis
- 9 Nicholas Maddio
- 10 Margaret Hudalla
- 12 Jan Frankenberg
- 15 Sara Christensen
- 15 Audrey Davis
- 17 David Froehle
- 17 Cindy Sweeney
- 18 Steve VanAllen
- 19 Christopher Hampfl
- 19 Deanna Radi
- 20 Michael Thompson
- 21 Morgan Czaia
- 21 John O'Neil
- 23 Presley Hanes
- 24 Dean Schreiner
- 24 Nathan Wandersee
- 25 Erin Doehne
- 26 Scott Christensen
- 26 Nancy Smiley
- 26 Goldie Witte
- 27 Carole Benson
- 27 Donna Olson
- 28 Leandra Londo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM**Ministers –**

All of our church family.

Pastor –

Rev. Carl M. "Chip" Nielsen III

Associate Pastor –

Rev. Lori Nielsen

Director of Shared Ministries –

Maxine Wallen

Youth Director –

Beth Thompson

Church Organist –

Leah Harding

Director of Music & Choirs –

Luana Mitchell

Audio Technician –

Gary McDonald

Administrative Assistant –

Cindy Klomp

Sunshine Preschool Teachers –

Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters,
Mary Youngstrom, JoAnne Dansdill

Nursery –

Amelia Birchems

Wedding Consultant –

Kristi Hanes

Custodians –

Ron Houde

Brian Gaylord

Wednesday Chef –

Chris Lewis

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- ... Pastor Chip, as he recovers from surgery
- ... Elaine Gregory, as her broken leg heals
- ... Keith and Sharon Wells and their family upon the death of their son, Christopher
- ... Audrey Davis and family upon the death of Audrey's brother
- ... our friends who are healing: Muriel Anderson, Doris Hayne, Greg Juenemann, JoAnn Gabbert, Bill Ellis, Rick Bell, Warren Nentwig, Hub Appleton, Cathy Ahlberg, Deb Clark and Jim Morton (brother-in-law of Marianne Sether)
- ... Juanita Bryson, who fell and broke her leg

Prayers of joy & celebration for our new Associate Pastor, Reverend Lori Nielsen, who formally joins Arlington Hills July 1, 2010

Thanks and praise for our many volunteers who were celebrated at our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



Thank you to all who have shared flowers for our Sunday morning worship. We appreciate having fresh flowers on the altar. Bringing the beauty of nature indoors can be inspiring.

Flowers are a nice way to remember those special occasions. The flower chart is posted in the narthex. Check it and fill in those open dates. Cost is \$20.

Garden flowers are also welcome but you need to call Helen at 651.484.3170 to make arrangements.

Happiness held is the seed. Happiness shared is the flower.

Anonymous

THANK YOUS

I would like to thank everyone for being so kind to wish me a Happy 90th Birthday and for all the lovely cards I received.

*God's Blessings,
Emilio Sierra*

Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes during my illness.

Rick Bell



excerpt of letter from UMCOR Board

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your gift received on 4/5/10 for \$2190.00 through The Advance, the designated give channel of The United Methodist Church. Because of your support, UMCOR is able to address not only immediate needs, but also the long-term recovery of those whose lives have been shattered.

Grace and Peace,

*Roland Frenandes,
General Treasurer
Shawn Bakker
Associate General Secretary*

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Thank You to all that worked at the Ronald McDonald House. Our church will be serving dinner on Saturday, August 28 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sign up on the Mission Board located in the Narthex. For more information check with any of the May volunteers ... *Dona Leland, Sheldon & Kerry Manthei, Terry & Dennis Hazel, Mike & Sue Harwood, Mark Youngstrom & Alex.*

Todd Levig



JOIN US
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH
when we will honor our
2010 graduates.

GOT TALENT?

On Tuesday evening, August 3, we will host in our parking lot the annual "National Night Out" celebration. Last year, we had a great time with great talent from our congregation (and a few others!). If you would like to sing, dance, play the tuba, tell stories, yodel, recite poems, or any other entertaining thing, we'd love to sign you up. Please see Jim Watson or any of the hospitality team and let us know.

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2010 MISSION FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, December 4, 2010
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Don't forget about this special event during the summer months!

Keep on working on craft projects; begin looking for wonderful Christmas cookie recipes; think about whether you can help with set-up or the day of the sale. We'll need support from everyone to make this a great success!

If you'd like to learn a craft or help with special craft projects, please get in touch with Marsha Froehle.

All proceeds from our 2010 fundraiser will go to mission work that supports the needs of women and children at local, national, and global levels.

Questions: Cookie Walk: Kaye Olson, Chris Bewell; Craft Sale: Marsha Froehle

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION—Scholarships Available

Don't forget, the Minnesota School of Christian Mission will be held at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN.

Weekday school: July 13-16 (\$268; double room)

Drive-in Day: July 16 (\$66)

Weekend school: July 16-18 (\$166; double room)

Flyers and registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Scholarships are available from our UMW unit.

JUNE CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle will meet Wednesday, June 6. You will be called with details.

Naomi Circle will hold their annual summer picnic on June 3. Marilyn Hobbs is hostess.

Rebekah Circle will hold a potluck picnic lunch on Thursday, June 3 at AHUMC. Karen Desens is hostess.

NO JULY OR AUGUST CIRCLE MEETINGS

SUNDAY COFFEE – Rebekah Circle serves coffee the first two Sundays of June.

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READING PROGRAM

Looking for some summer reading recommendations? The UMW Reading Program, sponsored by the national UMW organization, offers some wonderful books in the following categories.

- Education for Mission
- Spiritual Growth
- Social Action
- Nurturing for Community

Our local UMW unit has a number of books available in the UMW Library in the Fireside Room. Many of the books are also available at Public Libraries. If you are interested in the Reading Program, please pick up the 2010 program document in the UMW Library or talk to Marilyn Hobbs or Susan Surine. A program is also posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

QUILTING GROUP



Arlington Hills United Methodist Women have sponsored a quilting group since 2002. They make quilts for babies and older children. Traditionally once a year they deliver the quilts to crisis centers. This year they delivered over 30 quilts to Emma's Place, Women of Nations Shelter and Casa de Esperanza.

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, September through May at 10:00 a.m. in the west wing of the church. They have a fun time together and are happy to have this as a local mission project. All are invited to join when they begin again in the fall. Contributions of fabric, thread and yarn are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Please contact Betty Passer at 651.771.9020 or leave your name and phone number in the church office if you would like to know more about this group.



Want to know more about UMW? Please talk to Laurie Mickelson, UMW President, or to a member of the Membership Committee: Diane Ellis, Dona Leland, or Donna Burger.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will recognize our Arlington Hills UMC graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 6. If you are graduating this spring and have not notified us, please call the church office to let us know. We don't want to miss anyone! Congratulations!!!

SUMMER CAMP

For those attending L.Y.F.E. Camp at Decision Hills June 13 – 19, we will carpool from church on Sunday, June 13. Transportation is being arranged. If you need to carpool please call Beth at 651.770.3034. "This camp is about fun, friends and faith." It can be a life-changing experience!

ALL YOUTH ENJOY THE SCENIC GATEWAY TRAIL

Let's go for a ride! We will go for a bike ride from church to the Dairy Queen at Highway 36 and Century Ave./Hwy 120. We will bike along the scenic Gateway Trail. Randy Clark will be our host. Save the date of **Wednesday, July 7**. Please mark your calendar!

Plan to meet at church at 6:00 sharp. We will bike and have treats at DQ and plan to be back by about 8:30. A permission slip is required. Bike helmets are STRONGLY encouraged!!! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the youth office door or send an e-mail to beth@arlingtonhills.org.

ADULTS: Interested in going on a bike ride with us? I need some volunteers who would be willing to join us on this ride! Please contact Beth 651.770.3034. Thanks!!!

*Watch the bulletins and Builder for summer activities!!
Enjoy your summer break!!*

Inspiration for summer: Psalm 96:11 – 13 "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth."

UPCOMING BUILDER DATES**BUILDER DEADLINE**June 20th

No BUILDER published in July

August 22ndSeptember 19thOctober 24thNovember 21stDecember 19th**BUILDER BABES**June 23rdAugust 25thSeptember 22ndOctober 27thNovember 24thDecember 22nd

Please try to get input for future BUILDER newsletters to Cindy as early as possible. Send her an email, drop her a note in box #11 or give her a call. Early input is a great help to her. Note: there will be no BUILDER published in July. Look for lots of information about fall activities in the August BUILDER.

A BIG thank you to those dedicated souls who help us publish the BUILDER each month – THE BUILDER BABES. We couldn't do it without you!

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Next Builder Deadline

Sunday, June 20, 2010