



## 2010 UMW Mission Fundraiser Recap

Our 2010 Cookie Walk/Craft Sale fundraiser was a huge success! The snow made for a slow start on Sale Day, but we had an excellent turnout of volunteers and shoppers.

Our latest sale total (not including expenses) is just over **\$9500**. May God bless these gifts to provide new opportunities to those in need; proceeds will support:

**THE FAMILY PLACE**

**GOD'S CLOSET**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –  
Women's Division**

**SIERRA LEONE – Debrugsal  
School & Orphanage**

**THE BLUEFIELDS CHILDREN'S  
ADVOCATES**

**COMPATIBLE TECHNOLOGY  
INTERNATIONAL**



You'll find more about the Sale and these wonderful organizations inside this newsletter. *Read on...*

## AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM

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### **Director of Music & Choirs –**

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### **Audio Technician –**

Gary McDonald

### **Video Technician –**

Emily Nielsen

### **Sunshine Preschool Teachers –**

Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters,

### **Nursery –**

Amelia Birchems

### **Wedding Consultant –**

Kristi Hanes

### **Custodians –**

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

### **Wednesday Chef –**

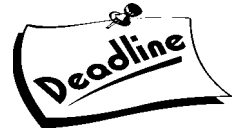
Chris Lewis

[www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org](http://www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org)

## NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE

**The church office will be closed** Monday, January 3 and Monday, January 17 in observation of the holidays. Please plan accordingly.

## BUILDER DEADLINES



### Input Deadline

January 19  
 February 16  
 March 23  
 April 20  
 May 18  
 June 22

### Builder Assembly

January 26  
 February 23  
 March 30  
 April 27  
 May 25  
 June 29

*\*\* No Builder Published in July\*\**

Thank you to our volunteers who help us assemble the Builder each month. If you are available to help please join us at 9:30 am in the fireside room on the dates listed above.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Carriker, Lee** – new phone #  
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## THE PASTOR SHARES

A new year always seems so exciting and full of possibilities! Though I do not officially make New Year's resolutions, I can't help but think ahead to the things I would like to accomplish and the changes I would like to make in my life. I may not accomplish all of my goals or actually make those changes I think are necessary but I find it very helpful to at least have some goals in mind.

As our church looks into this new year with all of its possibilities, there are many exciting things on the horizon. Our 5-year plan is before us, helping us focus our attention and energies. This plan was developed with the feedback we received from the congregational survey in November, 2009. The leadership team learned this congregation values learning and growing in faith. This congregation has a heart for the needs that are out there in our community.

As we move into the future, one of the areas we are focusing on is education. We want to give everyone a chance, whatever their age, to learn something new about their faith. Why not plan to attend one or more of the special educational opportunities we'll be offering or get involved with a small study group in this new year?

The other area we are focusing on is outreach. We have hired a Community Outreach Coordinator to help us connect with the needs that are out there in the community. We have an adult mission trip scheduled in February to Penney Farms, Florida to check on the possibility of locating a PET (Personal Energy Transportation) on-site at Arlington Hills. And, we are having conversations with Simpson's Center for Servant Ministries on how we could be in partnership with them to meet the needs of the community. No doubt, there will be opportunities for everyone to get involved in some kind of mission project during this coming year—and we encourage you to do so!

We may hit some snags along the way and find we have to take a detour here or there. But, that's okay because life rarely goes exactly as planned. We know that whatever the twists and turns of our journey, the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit is with us!

May God's blessings rest on you and on the ministries of this church in 2011!

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Lori

## ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT...

It is time to prepare our Annual Church Report, which must be published and sent to the Annual Conference by the end of January. It will be presented to our membership at our Annual Conference scheduled for February 6 after our 10:00 am worship service.

**All staff members, ministry teams, committees and the church council must provide an end of year report to be included in this document.** The reports should include the team's accomplishments & highlights for the past year and their goals & objectives for the new year. The 5-Year Ministry Plan is available if that will help in planning for the upcoming year.

**TIME TABLE:** Please **prepare** your report by the first week in January. **Review & approve** your report at your January Ministry Team / Committee / Council meeting. **Submit your report to Cindy no later than January 14.** If you have any questions please contact Cindy as soon as possible.

## 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPS

The 2011 offering envelopes will be available in the narthex for you to pick up during the month of January. Please grab your box. It will save us the cost of postage to mail them to you.

## LOST & FOUND

There is an ever-growing collection of items in our lost and found area. Please check if you think something might be yours. At the end of January all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. We have a small coin purse in the office. Come to the office to claim it.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

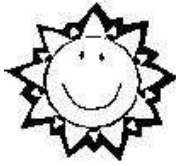
*Have you put your 2011 events on the church calendar yet?* As we work to expand our ministries here at Arlington Hills, more and more events are being scheduled in the church and we are running into conflicts for time and space.

*Please, please, please,* all ministry teams, committees, social groups, UMW Circles, scout troops, clubs and individuals - stop by the office and **pencil in your dates**, drop a note in mailbox #1, give Cindy a call or send her an email. We would hate to have someone sign up for a room you use regularly because your event isn't on the calendar.

And remember to fill out a **Room Set-up Request one week prior to your event** to make sure the custodians have time to fulfill your request. They are here only 15 hours per week and not every day of the week so be considerate and give Ron time to plan their schedules accordingly.

## SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL

Enrollment for fall 2011 is opening January 18. Sunshine is a quality preschool program that has been serving children age three to five here at Arlington Hills for over 30 years. Classes meet two or three mornings a week from 9:00 to 11:30. Please tell family, friends and neighbors about our program. Learn more at the Sunshine Preschool page on our church website or Sunshine Facebook page, Sunshine Preschool Maplewood Minnesota. Our fall enrollment form will be downloadable at both sites.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 JoAnn Gabbert
- 1 Gillian Grady
- 1 Brandt Hanes
- 2 Randy Berg
- 2 Jeremy Schurr
- 3 Richard Haas
- 3 Nadean Sorenson
- 4 Aaron Gorden
- 4 Yvonne Stolts
- 5 Dolores Grezek
- 10 Ayden Lowery
- 10 Ruth Slipka
- 12 Alan Smiley
- 13 Eugene Anderson
- 13 Donald Donovan
- 15 Evan Carlson
- 16 Daniel Leland
- 17 Grace Hartwig
- 17 Mona Sandmann
- 18 Bonnie Kienitz
- 19 Donald Wallen
- 21 Maxine Wallen
- 21 Donald Webinger
- 23 Peter Doehne
- 23 John Harding
- 24 Carys Johnson
- 24 Cheryl Watson
- 26 Barbara Sanders
- 27 Shawn Sweeney
- 29 Elizabeth Passer
- 30 Phillip O'Brien
- 31 Mary Youngstrom

## UMC SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, January 16 is designated as *Human Relations Day*, one of the six special United Methodist offerings of the year. Your offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Special envelopes will be available in the bulletins January 16. We invite you to give generously. You can also send a special offering clearly marked "Human Relations Sunday" to the church office.

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

## NURTURE & EDUCATION NEWS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the Sunday School Children and their parents who braved the cold and snow and put on a great Children's Christmas program. They were able to do a great job with no practice, missing members, and a cold sanctuary! Thank you, you were great!

*Maxine*

Sunday School resumes on January 2. We will be looking at **People Who Make a Difference** both in the Bible and in our own day. It will be very interesting.

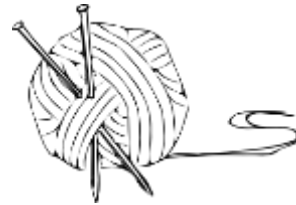
**Reminder:** please make sure that your children are registered for Sunday School. We need their full name, birth date and any allergy information on record.

### ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

In our continuing Adult Education program, Dr. Angie Dryer will be presenting a **Stress Relief Workshop** on Wednesday, January 26. She will join us for the LOL meal and then do a workshop in the Fireside Room. Please join us and learn how to reduce our stress.

## CARING MINISTRIES

The **Stamping Card Group** will be making cards again for our homebound members. We will meet on Thursday, January 27 at 1:00 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.



### KNIT WITH US ON WEDNESDAYS!

During the month of January, some of us are going to start knitting together on Wednesday evening after the LOL supper hour is over (about 6:30pm). Anyone who knits (or wants to learn to knit) is welcome to join us! We'll find a quiet spot with a table or two in the fellowship hall for our knitting. Maxine Wallen is an experienced knitting teacher and will be glad to teach anyone wanting to learn. If you want lessons, bring a skein of yarn and a pair of knitting needles with you. Smooth, light-colored yarn is best as it is easier to see your stitches! If you have any questions about yarn or knitting needles, talk to Maxine! Otherwise, bring your current knitting project to work on!

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

I want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers. My procedure seems to be a success. I'm sure it's because of your prayers – and the Lord listening.  
*Diane Smith*

Thank you members of Arlington Hills UMC, for your generous financial & material support of MN Council of Churches! We've been giving out many cleaning kits ... your congregation went above and beyond not only organizing a supply drive but through such a generous financial donation. Thank you!

*Holly Larson*  
MN Council of Churches

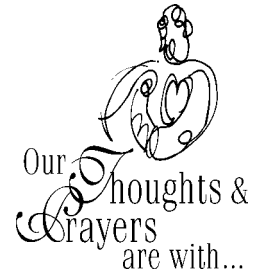
## FLOWER CHART

The new chart is in the narthex ready for you to sign up for flowers for Sunday morning worship service. Flowers may be given for special occasions, to honor a birthday, wedding or baptism, or in memory of loved ones. Cost is \$20 and flowers are yours after the service if you want to take them. *Please fill out the green order form* found in the slot below the chart to provide all the information we need. Call Helen (651) 484-3170 with questions.



## USHERS & GREETERS

Please consider signing up at the Information Center outside the fireside room. There are still a few spots left through the end of the year. New signup sheets for 2011 will be coming soon.



- ...Bill Veigel and family upon the death of his mother Helen*
- ...the family of Ted Appleman who passed away December 10*
- ...Art Kaese and his family as Art works to regain his strength at home*
- ...Deb Clark who is recovering from hip surgery*
- ...Ann Thompson who is at Our Lady of Good Council in St. Paul*
- ...Emil Sierra and his family as he regains his strength*
- ...the family of Grace Smith who passed away*
- ...Kerry Manthei who experience some health related issues*
- ...and all our friends and family members who are dealing with personal challenges*



**SCRIP NEWS!** Good news for those who shop at Rainbow! Rainbow Foods was just added as a Scrip retailer and we have purchased some to have on hand. We also have an inventory of Cub, Barnes & Noble, Chipotle, and Panera. These do not need to be ordered and can be purchased right away. Scrip from other retailers can be ordered! Order forms can be found at the Scrip table in the narthex after worship on Sunday. This is a painless way for us to financially support our church. All that is required is a little bit of advance planning on the purchases we will be making so we can buy the Scrip to pay for those purchases! We will keep you posted on our progress. Thanks for your participation in this program!

If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask anyone on the Finance & Stewardship Committee: Chair—Ralph Hayne, Ben Hickman, Christopher Hampl, Greg LaRock, Mark Watson, or Bert Nienaber.

## ANYONE FOR MISSIONS IN FLORIDA??

We are in the process of developing this vital ministry to serve the some of the victims of land mines and poverty in the world. A group will be traveling to Penney Farms, Florida February 27 through March 5. We will work on building PET Carts. A few members of the group will be trained in administration so that we can put the pieces together to start our own Eastside PET Project! Those who have indicated an interest in traveling with or joining the group in Florida that week include:

Chip & Lori Nielsen, Jan & Tim Petersen, Mike & Susan Harwood, Todd Levig, Donna Burger, JoAnne Dansdill, Sheldon & Kerry Manthei, Jack & Rose Desai, Bob Peterson.

You are welcome to contact Pastor Chip or Pastor Lori with your interest. Our youth found this project to be an overwhelmingly powerful experience and we think it's time to share the excitement.



*The Gift of Mobility, The Gift of Hope.*

## SAVE THESE DATES...

### JANUARY (LOL) SCHEDULE

January 5

January 12

January 19 – Midweek Worship

January 26

*Please sign up on the yellow Sign-Up Sheet in the Sunday bulletin if you plan to join us for the meal.*

**BRIDGE PLAYERS** are scheduled to meet on the second Thursday each month. In January they will meet on Thursday the 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Viv and Greg LaRock are hosting. Everyone is welcome!

**BLB's will meet** for breakfast at Denny's on White Bear Avenue at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 15. The BLBs are our senior "Breakfast & Lunch Bunch" and we always welcome new people. A signup sheet is at the Welcome Center.

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

We will begin again on Jan 7 and it runs through March or early April. This is a fun, recreational league for adults of all abilities.

You do not have to commit to playing every week. We always have people that are willing to fill in. Teams are chosen at random but couples are placed on the same team! We play



on Friday nights with games beginning at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. Childcare is provided for the first three games each night. It is not provided for the 9:00 game as most parents generally do not bring young children when they play the late games! We will begin playing on Jan 7, which will be a practice night. League play will begin on Jan 14. The sign up sheet is posted on a table in the narthex. For more information, call Dave Engelhardt at 651-484-9268!

## Coming in February...

### Sunday, February 6:

Join us after our worship for AHUMC Annual Church Conference.

### Sunday, February 13:

In honor of Black History Month we welcome back gospel singer Lee Roy Hawkins and his wife, Roberta. They will share inspiring words and uplifting music.

### Sunday, February 27:

The Minnesota Boychoir will join us for our worship service. Founded in 1962, this is the oldest boychoir in the Minneapolis / Saint Paul area. The Boychoir has a reputation for excellence, which has earned them praise and many invitations to perform. Find more about them at:

[www.boychoir.org](http://www.boychoir.org).

## United Methodist Women–Sponsored News/Events

### JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

*Hannah Circle* usually meets on the first Saturday of the month

*Lydia Circle* will meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 5 at Helen's home.

*Rebekah Circle* usually meets on the first Thursday of the month; this month on January on January 6 at 9:30 in the fireside room.

*Naomi Circle* usually meets on the first Thursday of the month

There is no UMW General Meeting in January. All UMW members are invited to join us for **UMW Sunday** on January 30.

### 2010 UMW MISSION FUNDRAISER RECAP *continued from front page*

## Thank You ... Thank You ... Thank You!



Thank you to everyone for making our Cookie Walk/Craft Sale fundraiser such a success! The snow made for a slow start on Sale Day, but we had an excellent turnout of volunteers and shoppers.

Here are some interesting numbers:

- 45 volunteers helping with set up on Wednesday-Friday.
- 60 volunteers helping on Sale Day.
- 65+ cookie bakers providing 800 dozen cookies.
- More crafters than you can count—beautiful craft items appeared in the craft room every week. On Sale Day, the craft room was just gorgeous!
- Full tables at the Café—we ran out of hot dogs and sloppy joes.



Thank you to the sale committee for a well organized event: Marsha Froehle, Kaye Olson, Laurie Mickelson, Alice Engelhardt, Shirley Wester, Ann Sether, and Chris Bewell. Thank you to our Communications team (Ann Sether, Carole Benson, and Cheryl Watson) for their wonderful support in advertising the sale. Thank you to Dave Froehle and Dave Engelhardt for their help with set-up and signs. And...thank you to the entire congregation for their support with donating cookies and crafts, helping with the sale, spreading the word, purchasing goods, sharing in the day of fellowship, and all of the prayers.

Our proceeds will support:

**The Family Place**....located in downtown St. Paul, has been operating since 2001 as a day center for families living without permanent housing.

**God's Closet....A Ministry of Clothing and Caring**, a free clothing store for residents of East St. Paul. This is a ministry of Epworth United Methodist Church.

**United Methodist Church—Women's Division**...Through United Methodist Women's giving, this organization supports and funds programs with special attention to the needs of women, youth, and children.

**Sierra Leone - Debrugsal School and Orphanage**....ongoing mission project of AHUMC.

**The Bluefields Children's Advocates**—volunteers dedicated to supporting the children of Bluefields, Nicaragua, providing resources so that more children have basic nutrition, shelter, and education.

**Compatible Technology International (CPI)**...funds will be designated to support their breadfruit shredding in Haiti project. Through CPI technology, coops of men and women in Haiti can process breadfruit into storable dried shred, which is used to make a cereal-like snack product.

# Youth Happenings

## **UMYS 2011(SH)** February 4–6, 2011

You should have received information in the mail!! If you need additional forms, please see Beth. The cost is \$65 for the weekend (the youth fund pays for the other ½) and **registration is due to Beth (or drawer # 20 in the church office) by Wednesday, January 5.** Late registrations are an additional \$10. Scholarships are available if needed. This is always a great weekend filled with worship, music, speakers, workshops, Communion and free time! The theme for the weekend "Three Days Later" based on Luke 18:33 features speaker Bishop Sally Dyck with music by Boiling Point. Hope to see you there!!

## **SH Youth Volleyball Team**

Interested in playing volleyball? If you want to play, please sign-up on the Youth team (grades 9 – 12) on the sheet in the Narthex. We play on Friday nights starting January 7 (practice night) through March. Schedules will be posted on the youth board and the youth office. Even if you can't make it every week, come when you can! Let's have some fun together!!

Watch the bulletin and your e-mail for other youth events for January!!!

## **New Year's Resolutions:**

Consider taking on these traits in the new year: Galatians 6:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (NIV)

## **Happy New Year!!**

*Youth, I wish all of you a very Happy New Year! I pray that you will have a year filled with blessings! I look forward to more opportunities to grow in our faith, to serve others and to get to know each other through fellowship! Have a safe and Happy New Year!*

*~ Beth*

LOL and classes resume Wednesday, January 5!



# SCOUTING UPDATE

## Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

Visit us on the web at [www.t187.com](http://www.t187.com) or [www.pack712.us](http://www.pack712.us)

### 2010 Highlights for T187

How about 106 Merit Badges, 30 Rank Advancements and 5 Special Awards earned for a great finish to 2010. We are looking forward to another great year in 2011 and hope to announce our 3 new Eagles with a fitting ceremony in February or March. Please keep your calendars open for this special award ceremony

### P712 to Visit Nursing Home

On December 16, Pack 712 will be visiting Seasons of Maplewood (a senior housing center) to hand out handmade Christmas Cards and sing a few of our favorite Winter Christmas Songs. Awards will also be handed out to those earning another belt loop or rank advancement with juice and snacks afterwards.

### T187 Achieves Quality Unit Award

This will be our third year in a row that T187 has received the Quality Unit Award. This award is given out to troops that are the best of the best for all troops in the Twin Cities. High lights include being 21% above the District required leader fully trained requirement, 13% above the District goal of boys reaching

their next rank advancement in a calendar year and retaining 96% of our members. I would like to thank AHUMC and all of our leaders for making this happen. Without your support we could not make this wonderful program possible. Thank you from all of the members of T187!

### Current Fundraisers

T187 and P712 have several fundraisers throughout the year that help our scouts pay for camp. Current T187 fundraisers include: -Aluminum can recycling and Magazine subscriptions while current P712 fundraisers include Holiday Candles and Joe's Sporting Goods Gift Cards. For information please contact [dpyoungquist@gmail.com](mailto:dpyoungquist@gmail.com) for more information.

### Future Scouts

If you know of any boys between the ages of 5 and 17 please let us know. Troop 187 meets on Monday nights 7-9pm at AHUMC. Pack 712 meets at Harambee School most Thursday evenings in the cafeteria 6:45-7:45pm. Please contact Dan Youngquist at 612-991-0320 or [dpyoungquist@gmail.com](mailto:dpyoungquist@gmail.com) for more information.



## THE CON BRIO GIRLS CHOIR

Will join us Sunday, January 9  
at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Now celebrating their 7th Season, the Con Brio Girls Choir is made up of excited, dedicated and very talented girls from the 4th through 8th grades representing communities from the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas. They rehearse once a week on Tuesday evenings at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis and perform several concerts throughout the season. We are proud and excited to welcome them back to Arlington Hills. Learn more about this wonderful group by visiting their website:

[www.partnersinpraise.org](http://www.partnersinpraise.org)

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